

# Children's Administration Outcome Measures Monthly Trend Report



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**IMPORTANT NOTES: PLEASE READ!**

- ◆ Most permanency measures are calculated based upon the population of children in care for more than 60 days to more clearly depict the status of children for whom the administration is actively conducting permanency planning and to assist CA staff in better focusing on permanency outcomes. 60 days was the chosen "cut off" point because children who stay in care at least 60 days are likely to remain in care much longer, (60-75% will still be in care one year later) and a permanency plan must be completed at this point. There is important up-front work occurring within the administration, reflected by the decreasing number of children who are placed for less than 60 days. If children who experience short-term placements were included in the permanency measures, it would inaccurately skew the understanding of permanency work being accomplished with children who are in placement for much longer periods of time. *If utilizing this data outside of the Children's Administration, please remember that some issues relate to **all** children in out-of-home care and the corresponding analysis would require the **inclusion** of children placed for periods of less than 60 days.*
- ◆ In an attempt to make this report more readable, an effort has been made to produce trend lines that are distinguishable from one another. This report has also been revised so that the state and all regions are represented by the colors and symbols indicated to the right. These colors will remain consistent and every effort will be made to refrain from using them to represent any other data field.
- ◆ Permanency measures are now determined using a new method of correcting placement episode records for incorrectly documented in-home dependencies. The trends were calculated in September 2001.

	State
	Region 1
	Region 2
	Region 3
	Region 4
	Region 5
	Region 6
	Federal Standard
	Additional Trend
	Additional Trend

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Selected trend analyses and other highlights for this month

- The following pages include measures which have been updated in this report: 7, 11, 12, 13, 21, 27, 28, and 29 and pages 2, 4, and 6.
- The victim recurrence rate continues to exceed the federal standard, sometimes by as much as double the target limit. (pg. 7)
- Permanency counts are currently consistent with previous year counts at this time. (pg. 11-13)
- Relative Placements are improving; however still not meeting the target. (pg. 21)
- There was a decrease in both the number of minority foster homes and total foster homes licensed in the most recent reporting period. (pg 27-28)
- There was an increase in newly licensed foster homes for the most recent reporting period; however, the total is less than previous year counts at this time. (pg 29)

## OUTCOME MEASURES SUMMARY

### Federal Child & Family Services Review Measures

Data Indicators that will be used as elements in the upcoming Federal review of State practice

Measure	Reporting Period	Region						State
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Recurrence of Maltreatment (p. 7)	Previous FY	8.0%	11.1%	12.2%	9.5%	8.2%	10.4%	10.0%
	Most Recent	10.7	7.6	13.5	9.5	7.1	8.1	9.3
	Target							< 6.1%
Incidence of CA/N in Foster Care*	Previous FY	0.27%	0.67%	0.54%	0.83%	1.29%	0.78%	0.78%
	Most Recent							0.32%
	Target							≤ 0.57%
Foster Care Re-Entry (p. 18)	Previous FY	15.0%	17.1%	11.7%	15.9%	16.2%	16.1%	15.5%
	Most Recent	12.1%	24.3%	10.5%	12.0%	10.4%	14.8%	13.8%
	Target							≤ 8.6%
Stability of Placements** (p. 16)	Previous FY	91.0%	82.0%	76.0%	84.5%	88.1%	87.8%	85.5%
	Most Recent	91.2%	85.7%	83.2%	88.9%	90.1%	88.4%	88.3%
	Target							≥ 86.7%
Time to Reunification (p. 15)	Previous FY	84.8%	91.2%	80.6%	81.8%	86.7%	83.3%	84.8%
	Most Recent	90.6%	77.9%	69.8%	79.3%	83.7%	84.4%	82.2%
	Target							≥ 76.2%
Time to Adoption (p. 14)	Previous FY	38.9%	24.6%	16.5%	12.4%	25.5%	37.3%	25.3%
	Most Recent	30.2%	66.7%	4.3%	14.8%	27.9%	39.0%	28.0%
	Target							≥ 32.0%

\* Most Recent values measured each quarter, estimated on an annualized basis as four times the quarterly count of founded child victims divided by the number of children in foster care for any length of stay during the quarter.

\*\* Due to measure cohort design, Most Recent figures will be lower than annualized (FY) figures; see p. 25 for details.



Indicates numbers, proportions or percentages that fail to meet established performance standards.

Indicates numbers, proportions or percentages that meet or better established performance standards.

Indicates numbers, proportions or percentages that are within 5% of meeting established goal.

Indicates that numbers, proportions or percentages are on target to meet the established goal by the Fiscal Year target date when considered within a given time period. Example: If the adoption target is 1,200 by end of fiscal year, it can be inferred that the total number achieved each quarter would be 300 to be on target.

# Outcome Measures Summary

## Governor and Secretary Contract Measures

Measure	Reporting Period	Region						State
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>Timely CPS Investigations</b> (p. 9)	Previous FY	90%	90%	73%	90%	99%	83%	87%
	Most Recent	71.6%	94.3%	74.3%	74.9%	84.0%	82.6%	79.7%
	<b>Target</b>							≥ 90%
Cases Staffed with CPT's (p. 8)	Previous FY	221	184	275	127	155	337	1,299
	FY to date*	153	122	160	117	105	205	862
	<b>Target</b>	248	125	188	181	218	295	1,255
* Reported as the cumulative average of all reporting periods to date								
<b>Number of Adoptions</b> (pp. 12-13)	FY04	195	81	140	203	238	233	1,090
	FY05 to date	46	30	30	65	80	76	327
	<b>Target</b>							
Ages 0-3 TPR to Perm., Minority (p. 20)	Previous FY	5	6	13	50	36	2	112
	Most Recent	10	7	14	41	32	8	112
	<b>Target</b>	≤4	≤5	≤12	≤45	≤32	≤2	≤100
Ages 0-3 TPR to Perm, Caucasian (p. 20)	Previous FY	18	7	11	18	20	12	86
	Most Recent	17	10	22	14	17	11	91
	<b>Target</b>	≤16	≤6	≤10	≤16	≤18	≤11	≤77
All Children in care > 2 years (p. 17)	Previous FY	417	288	359	876	556	442	2,938
	Most Recent	362	301	488	739	579	411	2,880
	<b>Target</b>	≤409	≤282	≤352	≤858	≤545	≤433	≤2,879
African Am. in care > 2 years (p. 19)	Previous FY	44	15	36	395	148	23	661
	Most Recent	24	14	61	331	167	22	619
	<b>Target</b>	≤42	≤14	≤35	≤391	≤146	≤22	≤654
Educational program (p. 25)	CY 99	71%	93%	83%	61%	71%	82%	70%
	Most Recent							
	<b>Target</b>							≥78%
Independent Living Services (p. 26)	Previous FFY	9% (44)	28% (113)	28% (103)	12% (85)	16% (114)	25% (166)	19% (624)
	Most Recent							
	<b>Target</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Social Worker Visits w/ Child (p. 23)	Previous FY	95.7%	85.5%	85.2%	99.5%	91.7%	98.0%	93.4%
	Most Recent							
	<b>Target</b>							≥ 95%
<b>Licensed Foster Homes (Total)</b> (p. 28)	Previous FY	855	781	911	1,195	1,166	1,306	6,214
	Most Recent	900	716	931	1,175	1,105	1,324	6,151
	<b>Target</b>	≥ 889	≥ 812	≥ 947	≥ 1,243	≥ 1,213	≥ 1,358	≥ 6,463
Minority Foster Homes (Total) (p. 27)	Previous FY	153	223	151	484	344	221	1,576
	Most Recent	153	227	153	476	346	218	1,573
	<b>Target</b>							
<b>Newly Licensed Foster Homes (Total)</b> (p. 29)	Previous FY	168	127	228	206	222	289	1,240
	FY to date**	43	33	35	46	52	50	259
	<b>Target</b>							
** Reported as the cumulative count for the current fiscal year								
Foster Licenses Pending > 90 days (p. 30)	Previous FY	42.0%	36.5%	40.5%	31.9%	28.6%	42.3%	36.9%
	Most Recent	44.9%	49.8%	49.7%	52.8%	38.8%	46.6%	46.8%
	<b>Target</b>							≤ 35%

# Outcome Measures Summary

## Assistant Secretary Contract Measures

Measure	Reporting Period	Region						State
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Timely DLR Investigations (p. 10)	Previous FY	100%	96%	99%	96%	93%	89%	95
	Most Recent Apr-Jun 04							
	Target							≥ 90%
Chronically Referring Families (p. 6)	Previous FY	20.5%	22.4%	16.3%	15.2%	17.4%	19.1%	18.1%
	Most Recent	23.0%	21.6%	18.4%	10.0%	20.2%	19.6%	18.4%
	Target							reduce
Permanent Plan Completion (p. 11)	FY04 Total	570	371	515	625	546	695	3,329
	FY05 to date	128	89	95	147	143	168	770
	Target	500	365	566	769	639	869	3,709
Placement with Relatives (p. 21)	Previous FY	32.7%	35.5%	40.6%	35.8%	33.9%	28.9%	34.5%
	Most Recent	34.0%	35.1%	42.0%	36.9%	32.7%	29.2%	35.0%
	Target	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%
Caregiver – Child Visitation (p. 22)	Previous FY	93.9%	90.7%	92.1%	98.6%	85.1%	95.5%	92.9%
	Most Recent							
	Target							≥ 95.0%

\* Cumulative count for current fiscal year. Data lag may alter this number slightly in coming reports.

\*\* N/R indicates none reported for the most recent reporting period

^ Fiscal year total. Data lag may alter this number slightly in future reports.

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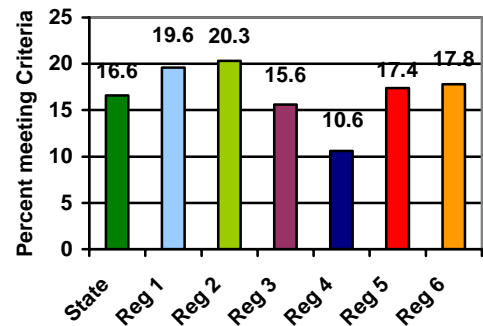
## SAFETY

### Chronically Referring Families

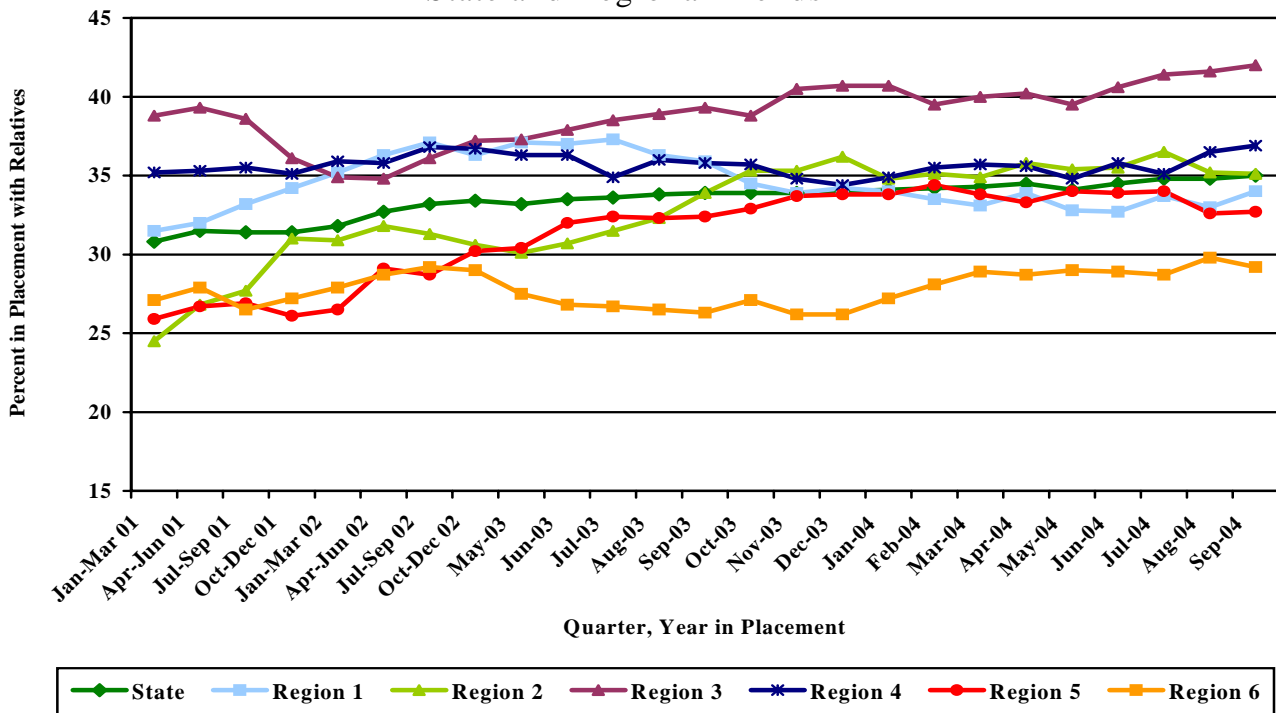
Proportion of families meeting one or more of the criteria for the Kids Come First chronic screener

**Trend Analysis:** The state and all regions have demonstrated a decrease in the numbers of families meeting Kids Come First chronic screener criteria: A trend, which commenced at the beginning of FY02. The data for the most recent reporting period shows an increase in chronicity for the state and all regions with the exception of regions 2 and 4.

Regional Performance, FY 2003



State and Regional Trends



**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Quarterly cohort of all accepted and alternative response referrals to CPS for each unique family case ID number. Past records are checked to see what proportion of this cohort have prior referrals in CAMIS that were received on the same case ID number more than ten days but less than three years before the received date of the initial referral. Referrals must be received more than ten days apart to be counted as separate referrals. Criteria for identification of families as "chronic": 3 or more referrals in the past 12 months, or 4 or more referrals in the past 2 years, or 5 or more referrals in the past 3 years; or two or more sexual or physical abuse allegations at investigation in the past six CPS referrals; or two or more founded allegations in the past six CPS referrals; or rated at moderately high or high risk for either one of young, vulnerable or developmentally disabled child, AND for caregiver's history of CA/N as a child, in any of the past six CPS referrals; or a biological mother under 21 years of age at the time of her first referral as the biological mother, or a primary caregiver rated at moderately high or high risk for caregiver impairments, for families referred two or more times to CPS. These criteria were developed as a part of the Kids Come First initiative. Because of the additional criteria, the overall percentage of families identified as "chronic" is higher than in the previously reported multiple referrals measure.

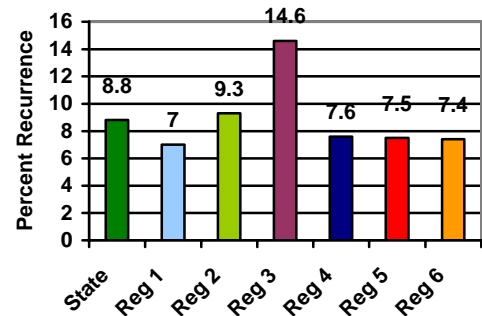
# Safety: Reduce Recurrence of Maltreatment

## Victim Recurrence

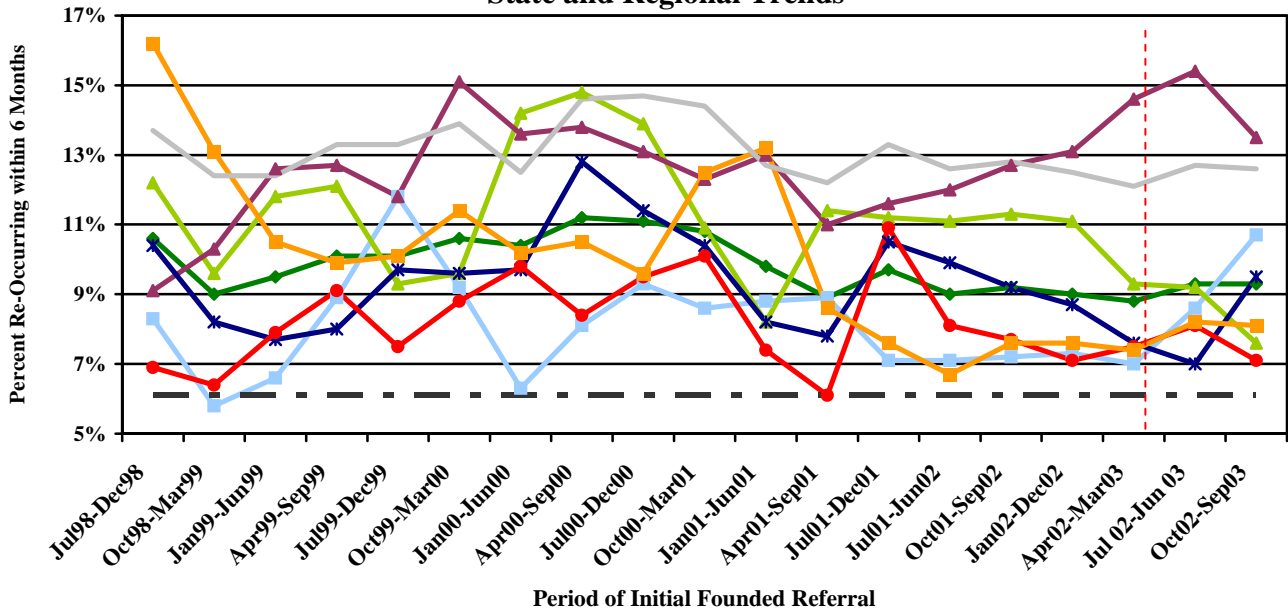
Percent of CA/N victims who had another substantiated or indicated report within 6 months

**Trend Analysis:** Regions 1 and 4 demonstrated decreases while regions 2, 3 and 4 showed an increase and the state and region 6 showed a leveling off in the rate of victim recurrence for the most recent reporting period. This measure is now reported on a "rolling year" basis with each data point representing a year of data collection with reference to this measure. This new reporting method also allows for documentation delays and data lag.

Regional Performance, FY2003



State and Regional Trends



State (green line with diamonds)  
 Region 1 (light blue line with squares)  
 Region 2 (light green line with triangles)  
 Region 3 (purple line with diamonds)  
 Region 4 (dark blue line with asterisks)  
 Region 5 (red line with circles)  
 Region 6 (orange line with squares)  
 State (Federal Calculation) (grey line)  
 Federal Standard (dashed line)

**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** This 6-month victim recurrence rate replaces the 12-month victim recurrence rate previously reported, for consistency with a similar change in the federally reported NCANDS measure. Founded referrals must be received more than ten days apart to be counted as a separate occurrence (to approximately adjust the measure for the effects of receiving multiple referrals on the same incident). Federal calculation rules do not allow this ten-day exclusion, so the State trend computed without the exclusion and the Federal practice standards are shown for reference. A fiscal year or six-month cohort of founded referrals on individual victims is followed forward in time for a 6-month period to see if an additional founded referral is received on the same victim more than ten but less than 366 days after the received date of the initial founded referral. An additional six-month lag time after receipt is also allowed for entry of the investigation information. (If any allegation for victims or subjects is founded, the referral is considered founded.) By reporting each quarter and using a six-month period each time, we are averaging over two quarters for each reporting period. This smooths out fluctuations in the trends due to small numbers of recurring victims, and makes the trends easier to interpret and thus more reliable indicators of actual changes in practice.

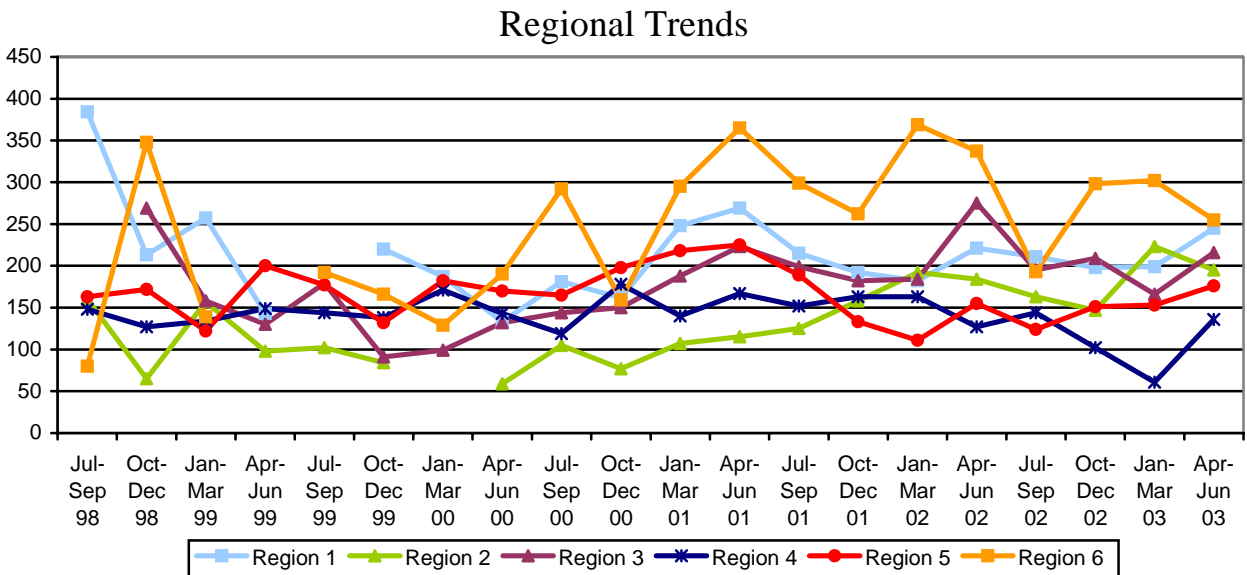
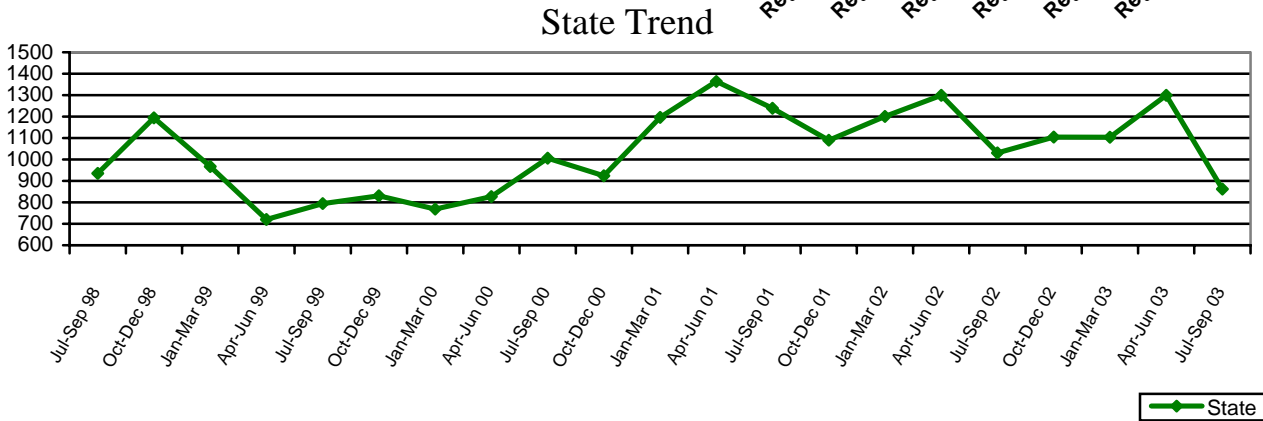
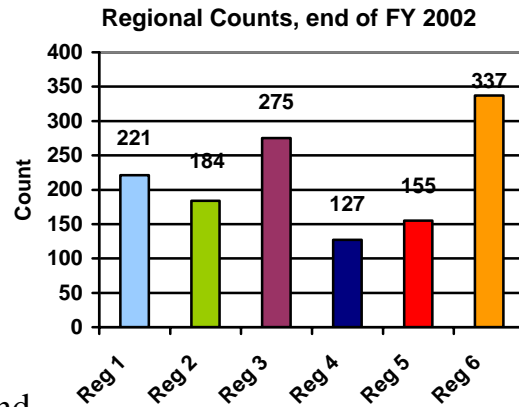


# Safety: Reduce Recurrence of Maltreatment

## Child Protection Teams

Number of cases staffed with community Child Protection Teams.

**Trend Analysis:** The overall statewide count for the most recent fiscal quarter is 862 cases staffed with CPT's representing a significant decline in the number of CPTs.

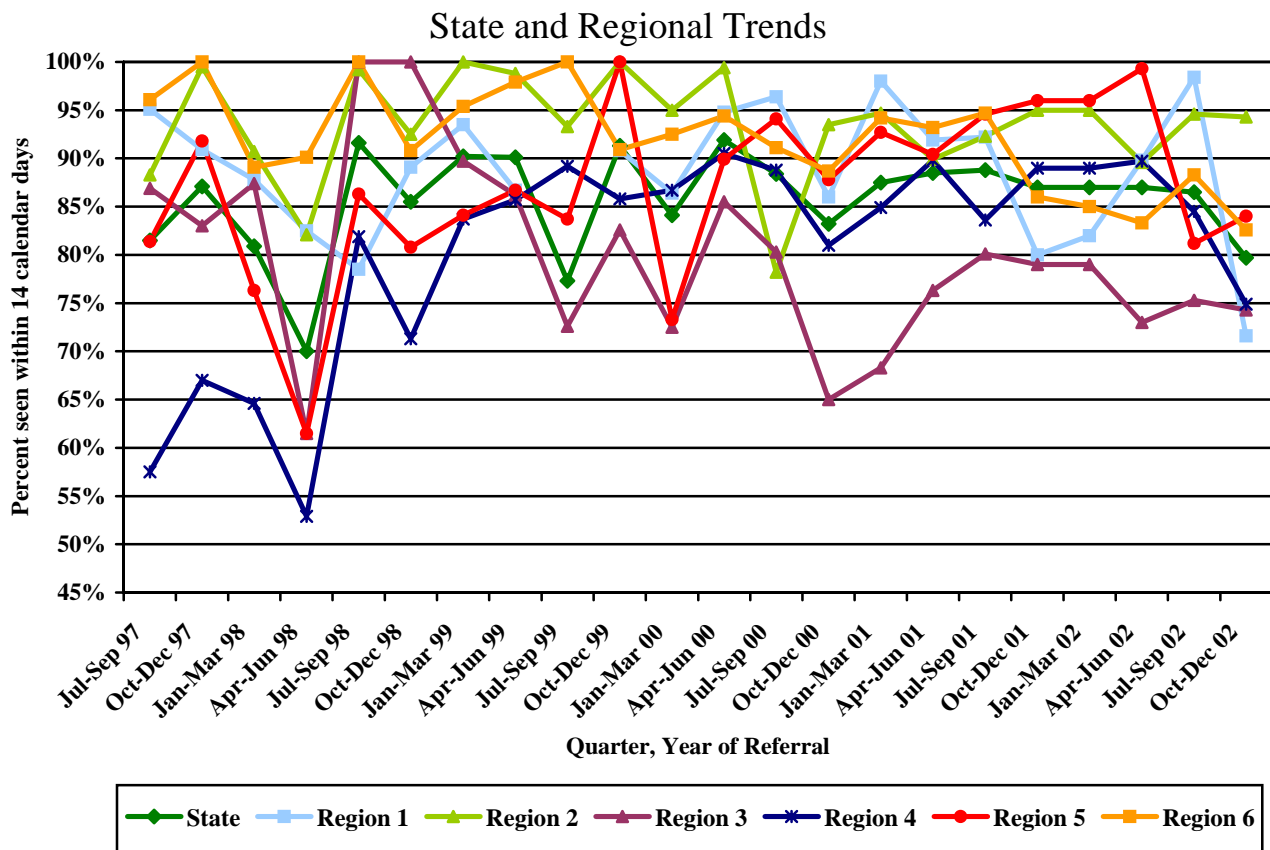
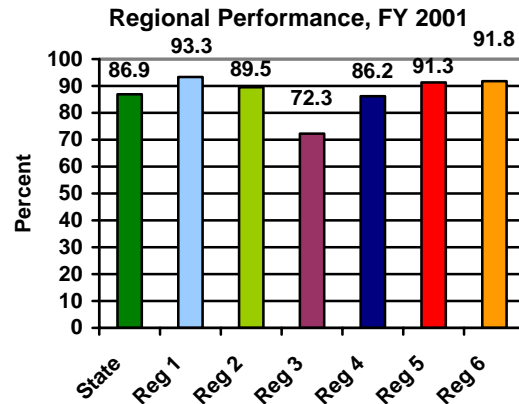


**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Regional handcount of cases staffed with community Child Protection Teams.

# Safety: Timely Investigations

## DCFS/CPS Investigations: Children seen within 10 days

**Trend Analysis:** For the most recent reporting period, only region 2 meets the target when measured by hand counts.



**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Percent of high standard CPS investigations where child is seen within 10 days from the date of the referral. **This measure is currently determined from hand counts, but will be converted soon to a measure based on SER's.**

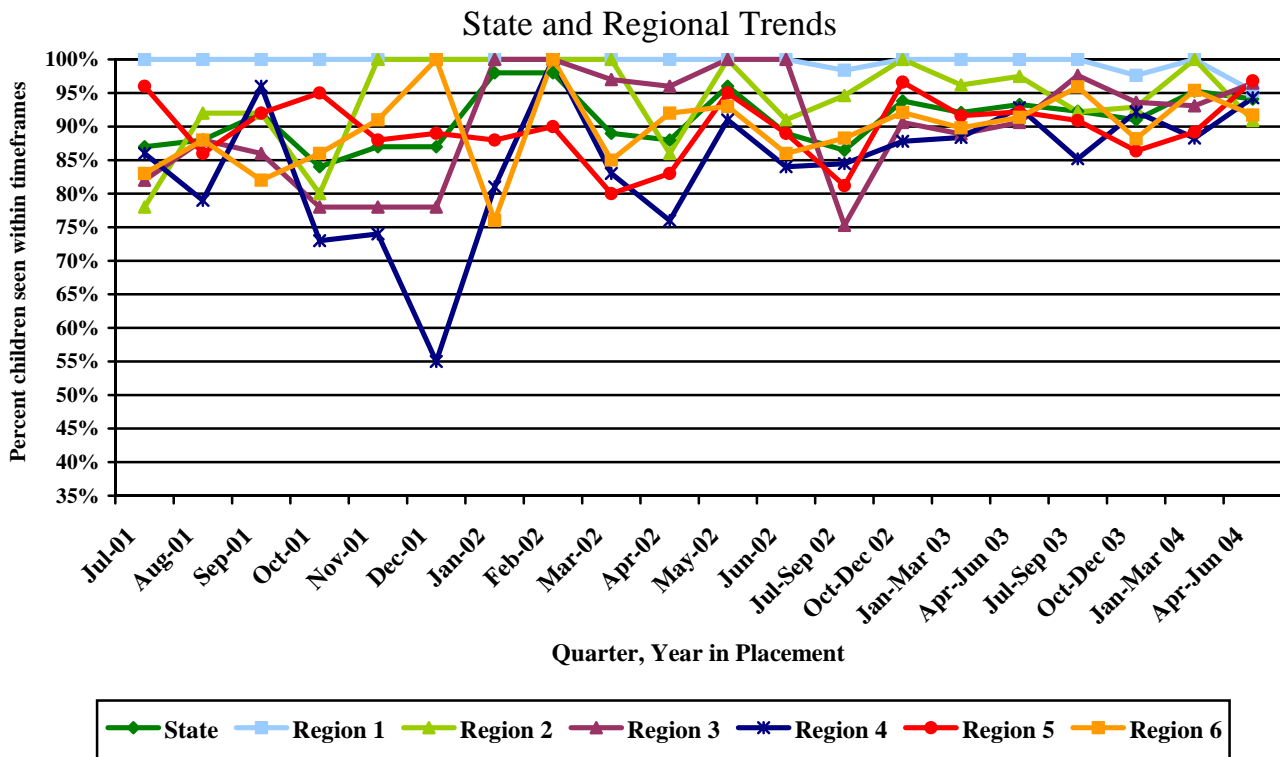
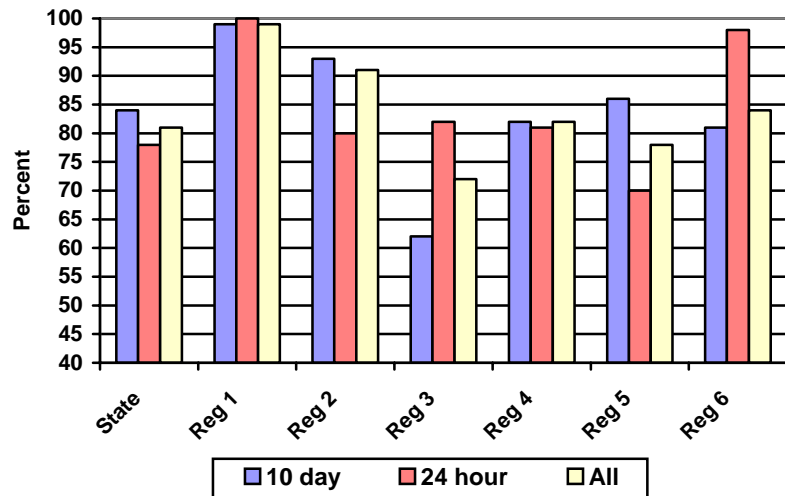
## Safety: Timely Investigations

### DLR/CPS Investigations: Children seen within 10 Days or 24 Hours

Percent of high standard CPS investigations where child is seen within 10 calendar days OR 24 hours from the date of the referral.

**Trend Analysis:** The State and all regions met the target of 90% for the most recent reporting period.

Regional Performance, all of FY 2001



**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Percent of high standard DLR investigations where child is seen within 10 days (non-emergent referrals) or 24 hours (emergent referrals) from the date of the referral; the overall percentage is shown in the trend graph. Measure determined by DLR handcount.

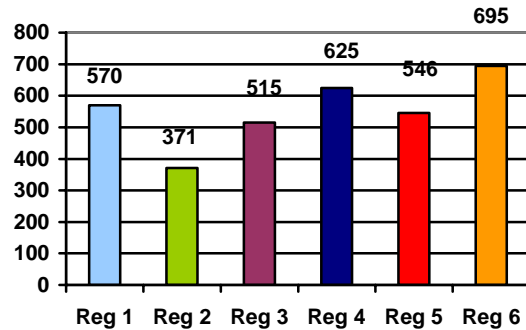
## PERMANENCY: MEASURES OF PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

### Completed Permanent Plans: Adoption, Guardianship, and Reunification with LOS > 60 Days

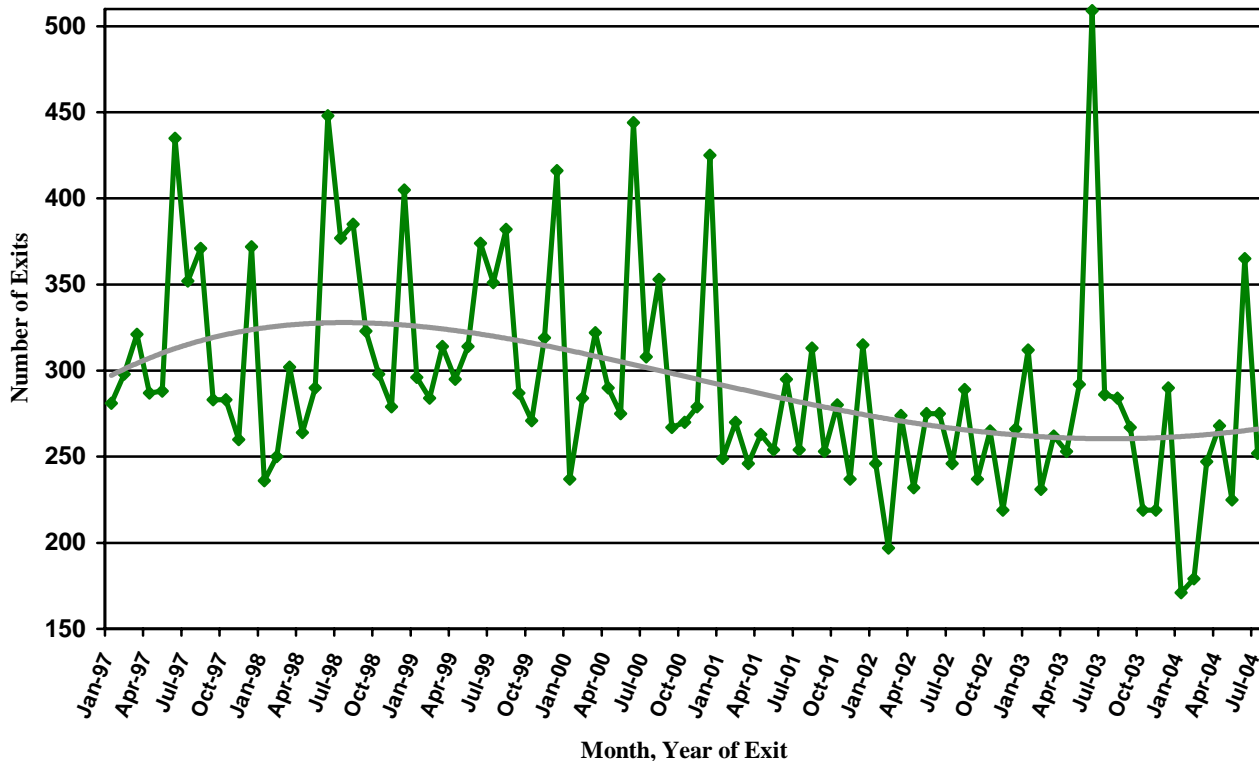
(Number of exits)

**Trend Analysis:** The number of permanent plans completed for the most recent reporting period showed a marked decrease.

Number of Permanent Plans Completed (FY 2004)



State Trend



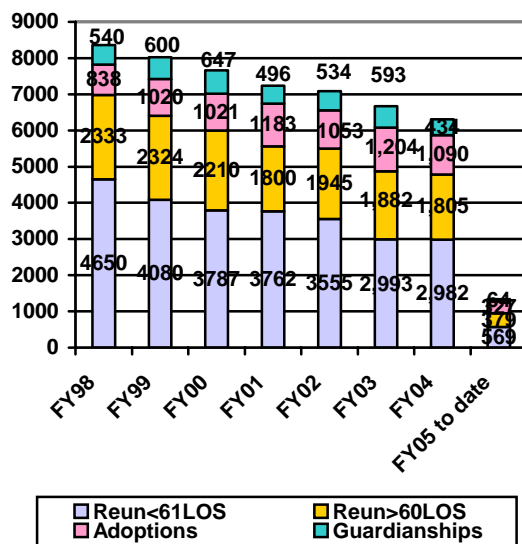
**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Because this trend is a count of exits, it will not equal the number of children exiting during a given period. Only exits of adoption, guardianship, and reunifications after at least 60 days in care are included in this count.

# Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

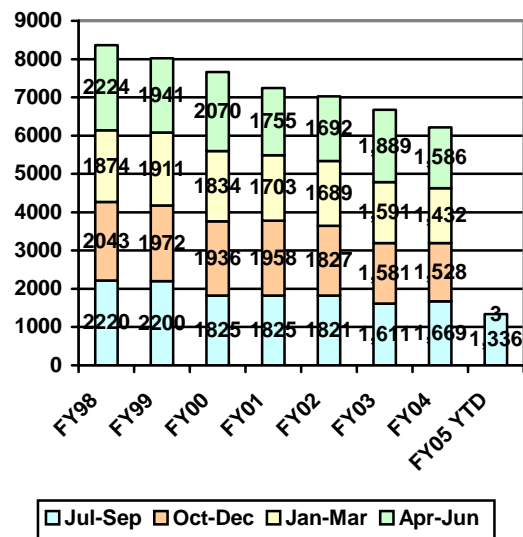
Completed Permanent Plans by Type and Quarter: Adoption, Guardianship and Reunification (Number of Exits, All LOS)

**Trend Analysis:** Permanency counts are currently consistent with previous year counts.

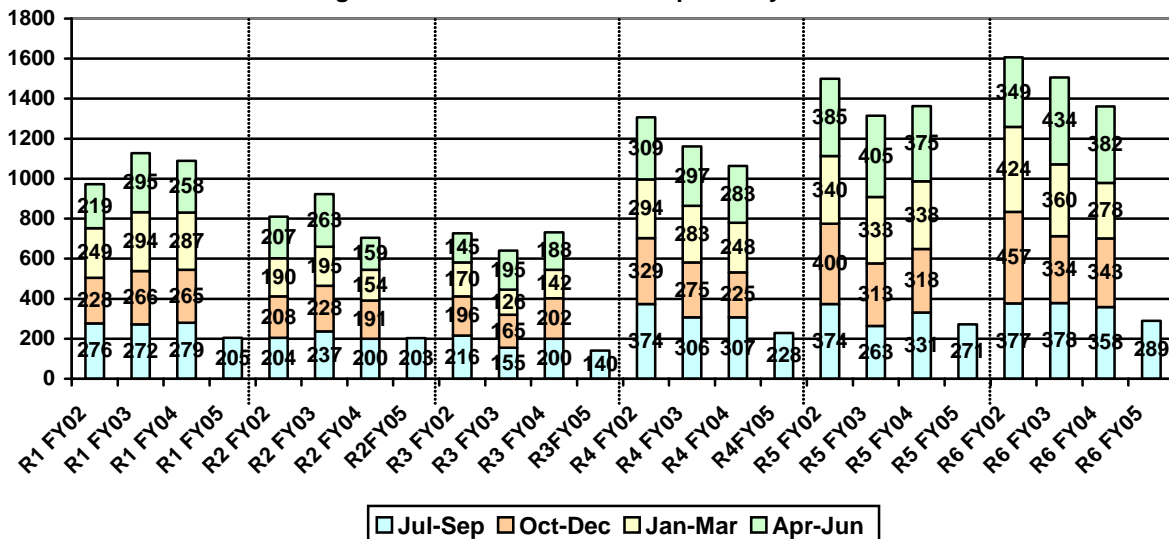
State - Permanent Plans Completed by Type of Exit



State - Permanent Plans Completed by Quarter



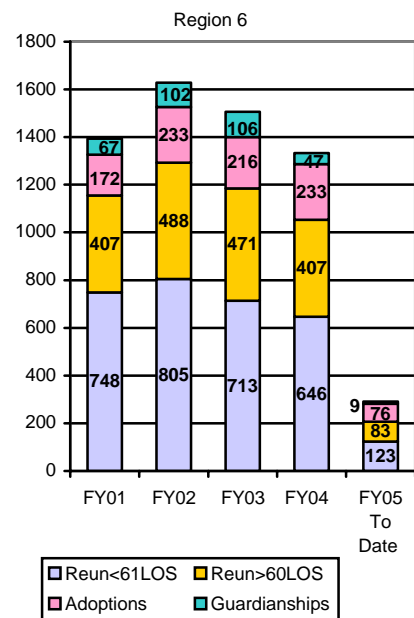
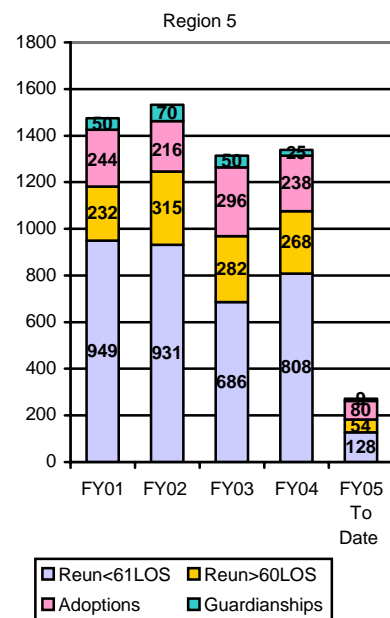
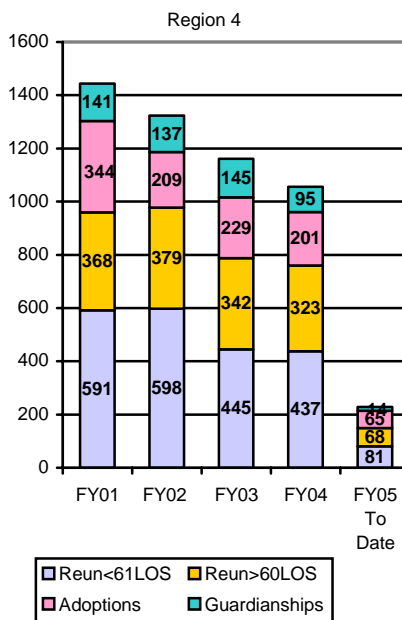
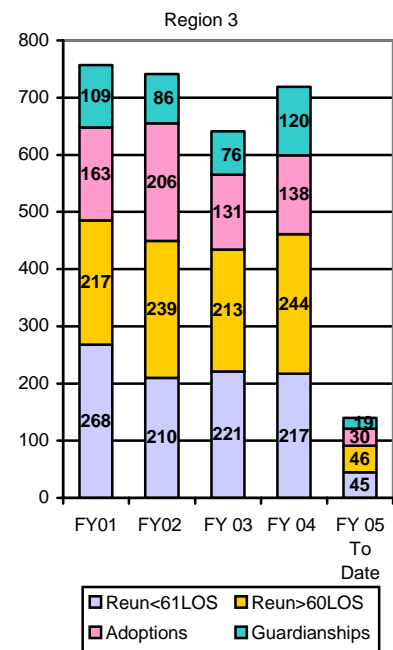
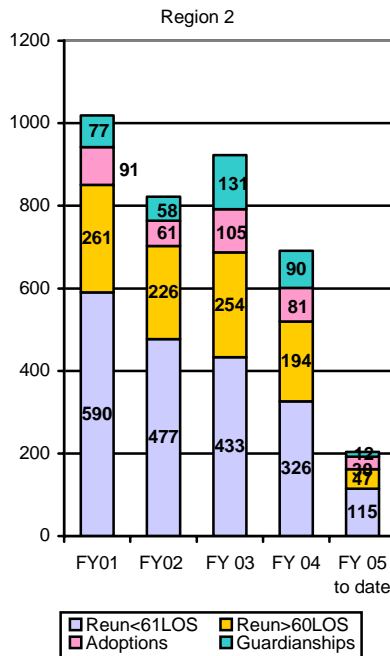
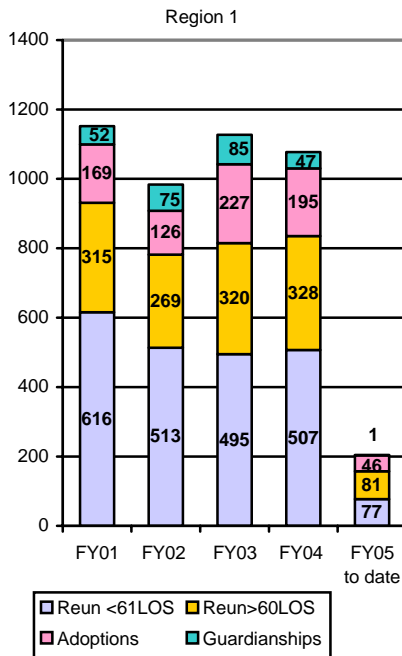
Regions - Permanent Plans Completed by Quarter



**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Because these are counts of exits, they will not equal the unduplicated number of children exiting during a given period.

# Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

## Completed Permanent Plans: Regional Performance on Reunification, Adoption and Guardianships (Number of Exits)

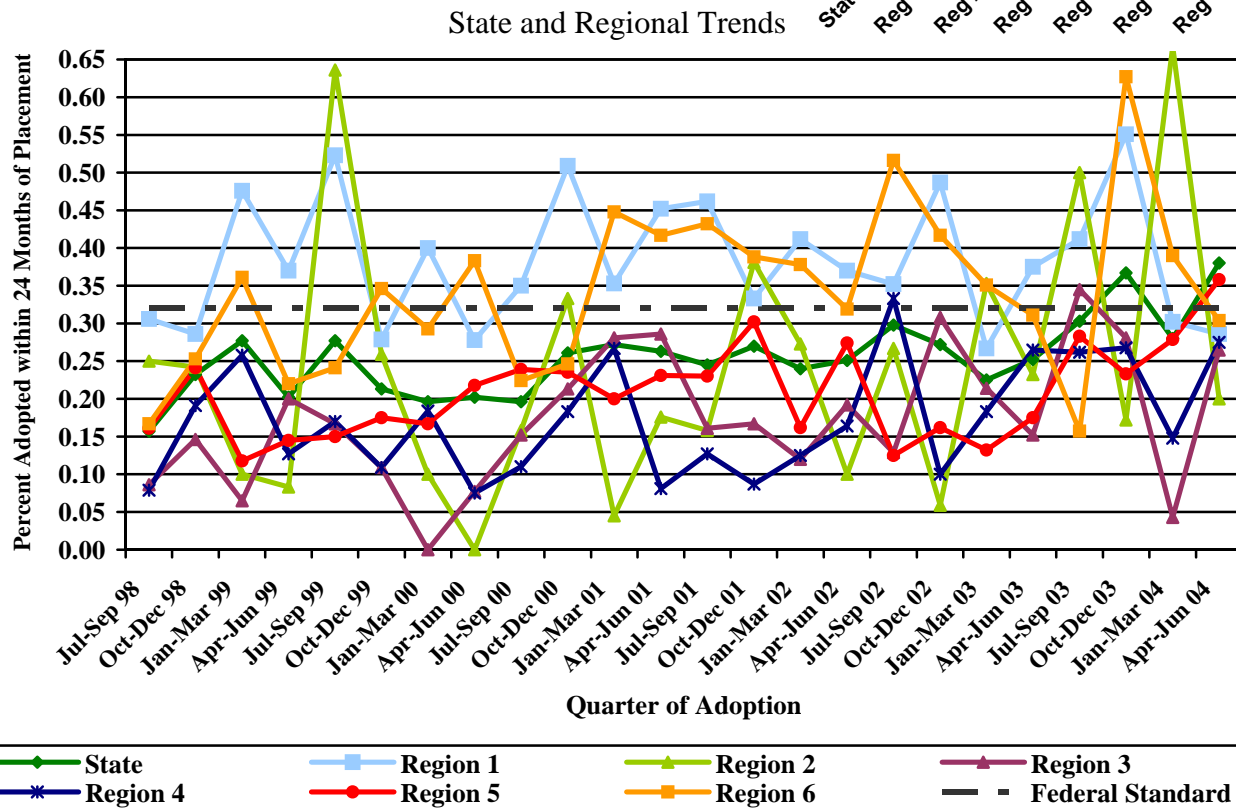
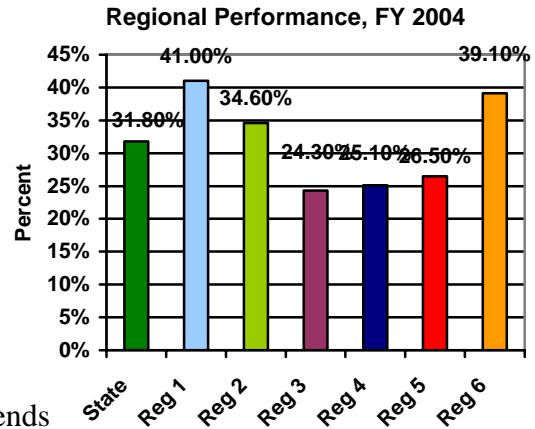


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# Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

## Proportion of Adoptions Achieved within 24 Months of Placement

**Trend Analysis:** The federal practice standard for this measure states that adoptions will be accomplished within 24 months 32% of the time. There was significant fluctuation for the most recent reporting period with the state and region 5 meeting the target and all other regions failing to do so.



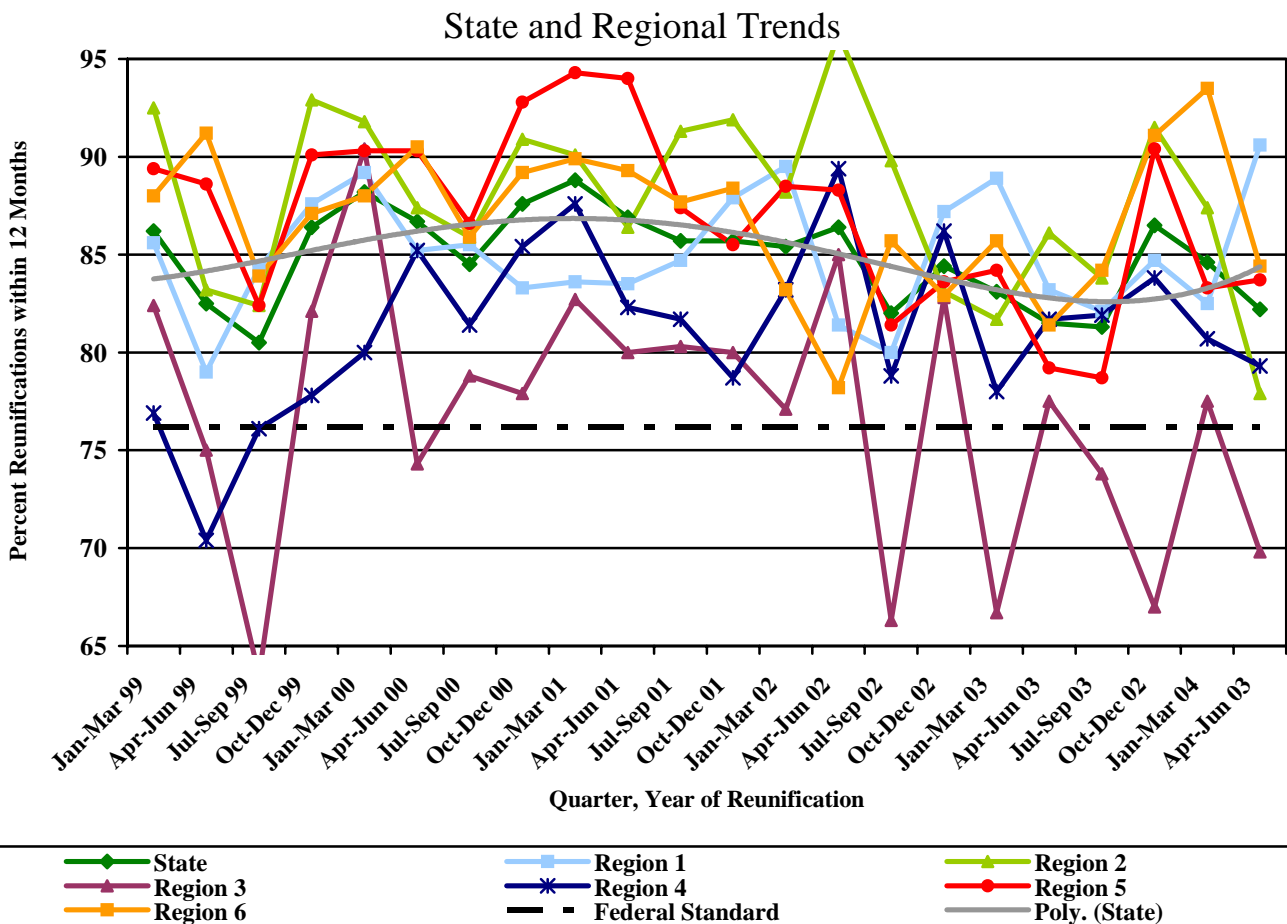
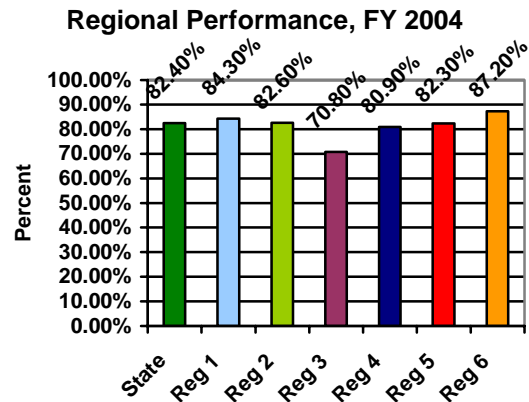
fiscal quarter is now shown with a data lag allowance and total permanency plan counts are low. By **Trend Analysis:**

**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** This measure determined from counts of episode closures with the placement result of adoption. The Federal practice standard of  $\geq 32\%$  is shown on the graph for reference.

# Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

## Timely Reunifications: Percent of children reunified within 12 months

**Trend Analysis:** There were again significant fluctuations in this trend for the most recent period. The state and all regions with the exception of Region 3 successfully met the target for this measure.



**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** The measure includes children in DCFS custody only; results for latest placement of child with any length of stay during the cohort period. The Federal performance standard of  $\geq 76.2\%$  is shown on the graph for reference.

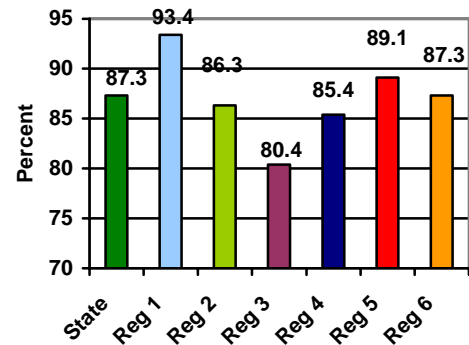


## PERMANENCY: STABILITY, TIME IN CARE, AND RE-ENTRY

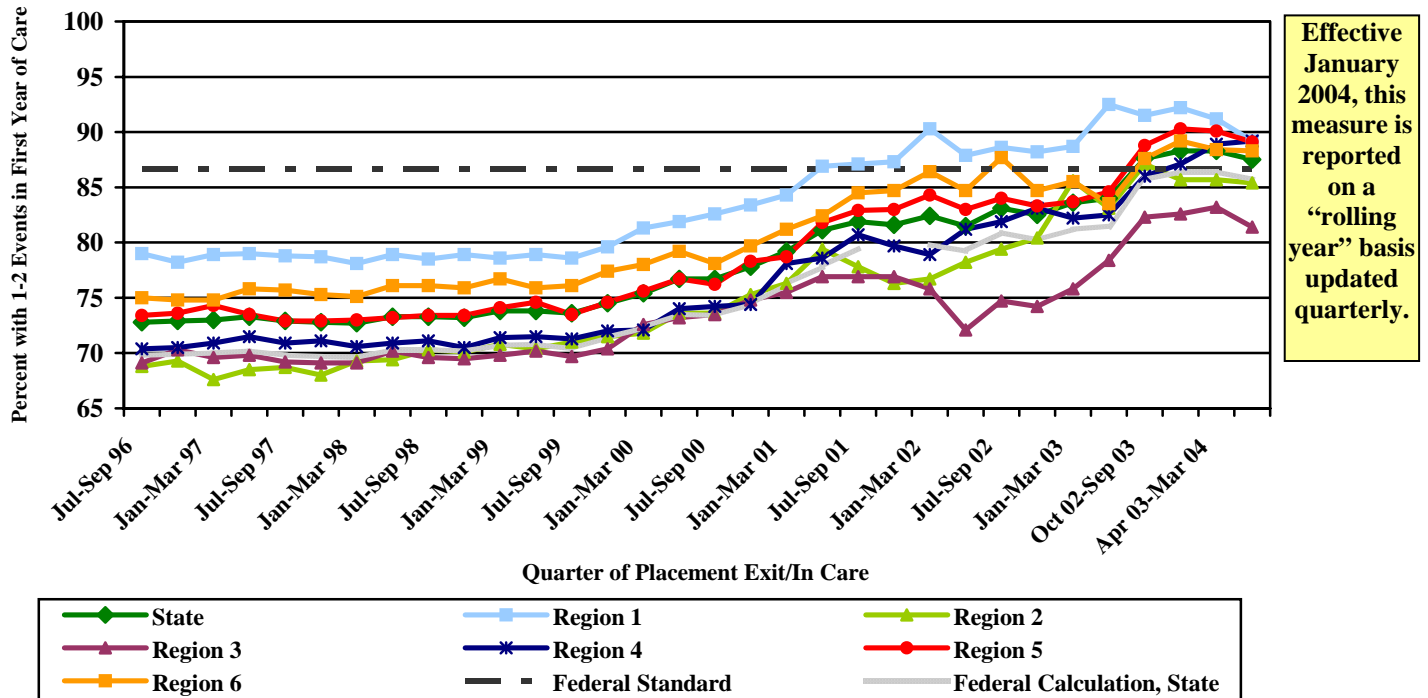
Percent with no more than 2 placements during first 12 months in care for children exiting or remaining in care for any length of stay.

**Trend Analysis:** This measure is now tracked on a rolling year basis to allow for data lag and more accurately reflect practice. Based on new calculation methods, the state and all regions except Region 4 showed a decrease.

Regional Performance, FY 2003



State and Regional Trends



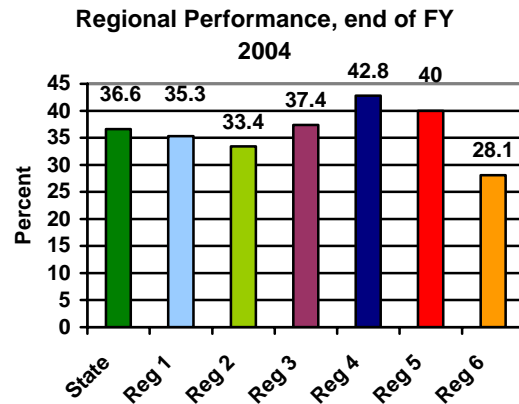
**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** This measure is a count of qualifying placement events that occur in the first 12 months of placement within a single episode, using a quarterly or fiscal year cohort of children exiting before or remaining in care at one year. Our adjusted count EXCLUDES respite, on-the-run, juvenile rehabilitation, detention, in-home dependencies, hospital, and events contiguous in time (after these events are removed) where the placement business ID has not changed. In addition, ANY type of event of less than 31 days duration that occurs between two events with the same business ID are excluded (only the first of such multiple "events" is counted). These exclusions are intended to approximate, as closely as possible, a count of only the child's principal places of residence. The Federal rules for this measure only allow simple exclusion of respite, in-home dependencies, hospital, and on-the-run events: therefore, although the numbers and trends we report are the best currently available estimate of actual placement stability, the calculation of State performance using the Federal rules indicates a lower level of performance (about 3 percentage points lower). Children in DCFS custody only, with any length of stay during the cohort period. The Federal performance standard of  $\geq 86.7\%$  and the Federal calculation of State performance are shown on the graph for reference.

# Permanency: Time in Care

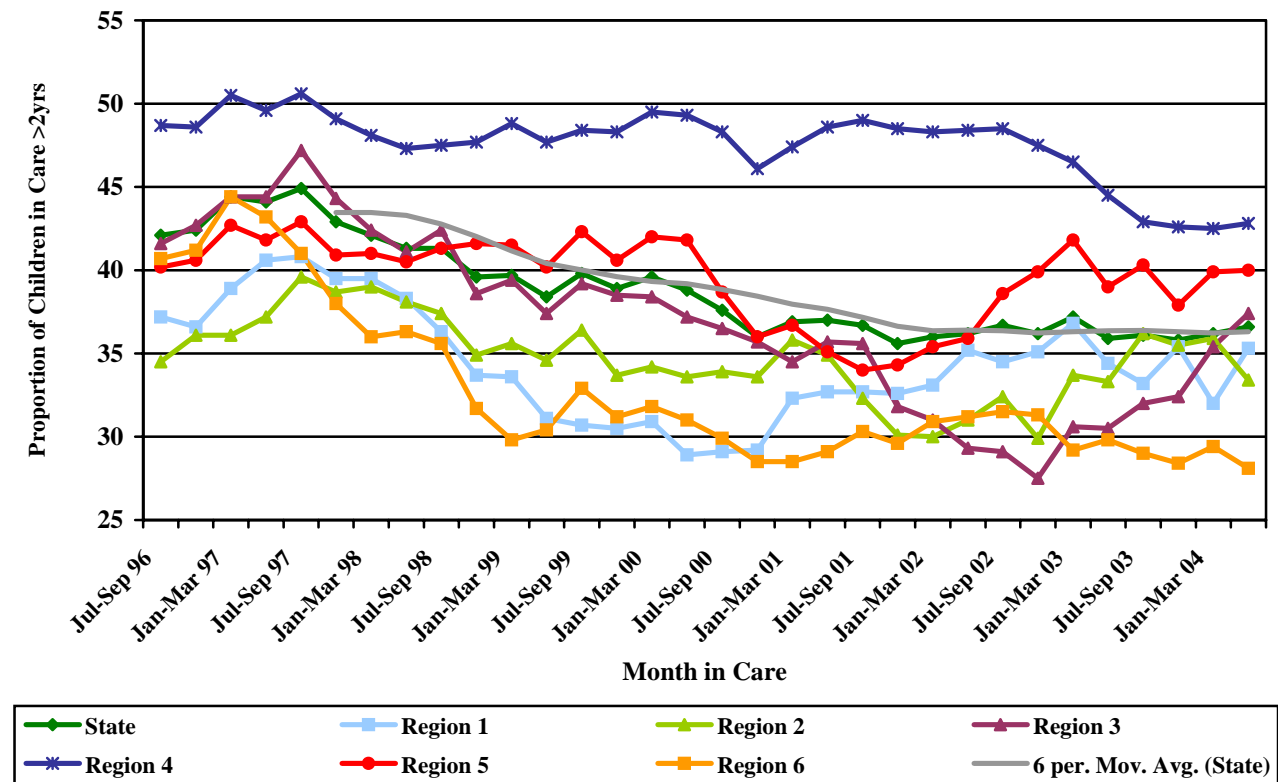
## Children without Permanent Plan Achieved within Two Years

Proportion of children in care for more than two years; of all children in DCFS custody in open placements for more than 60 days (in placement as of the end of the quarter or fiscal year).

**Trend Analysis:** Statewide the percent of children in care for more than two years without a permanent plan increased from 36.2% to 36.6%. For the most recent reporting period, the state and Regions 1, 3 and 4 showed increases, Regions 2 and 6 showed marked decreases and region 6 and 5 remained unchanged.



### State and Regional Trends



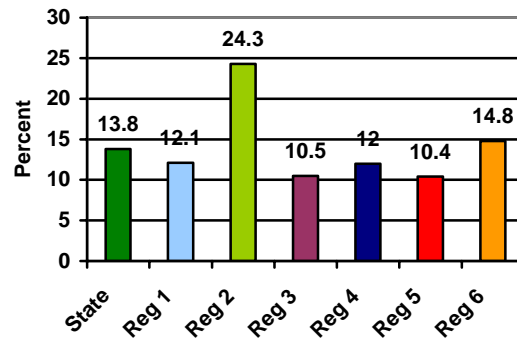
**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Children in DCFS custody only, in care (open placement episodes) for more than 60 days as of the end of the reporting period.

# Permanency: Decrease length of stay without increasing re-entry

## Proportion re-entering care within 12 months of reunification

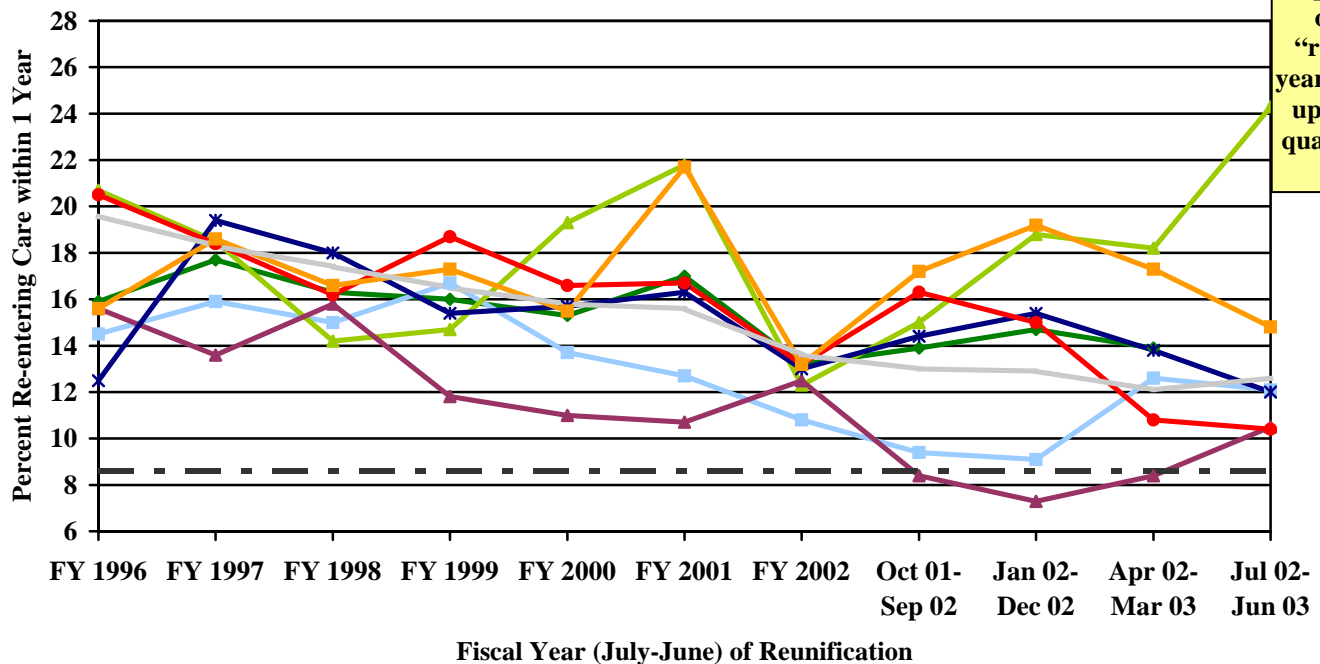
**Trend Analysis:** This measure is retrospective and is now tracked on a rolling year basis to allow for data lag and accuracy. Based upon revised calculation methods, Regions 1, 4, 5 and 6 and the state made progress toward the goal. Regions 2 and 3 had an increase in the re-entry rate. period.

Regional Performance, FY 2003 exits



Effective January 2004, this measure is reported on a "rolling year" basis updated quarterly.

State and Regional Trends: Re-Entry following Reunification

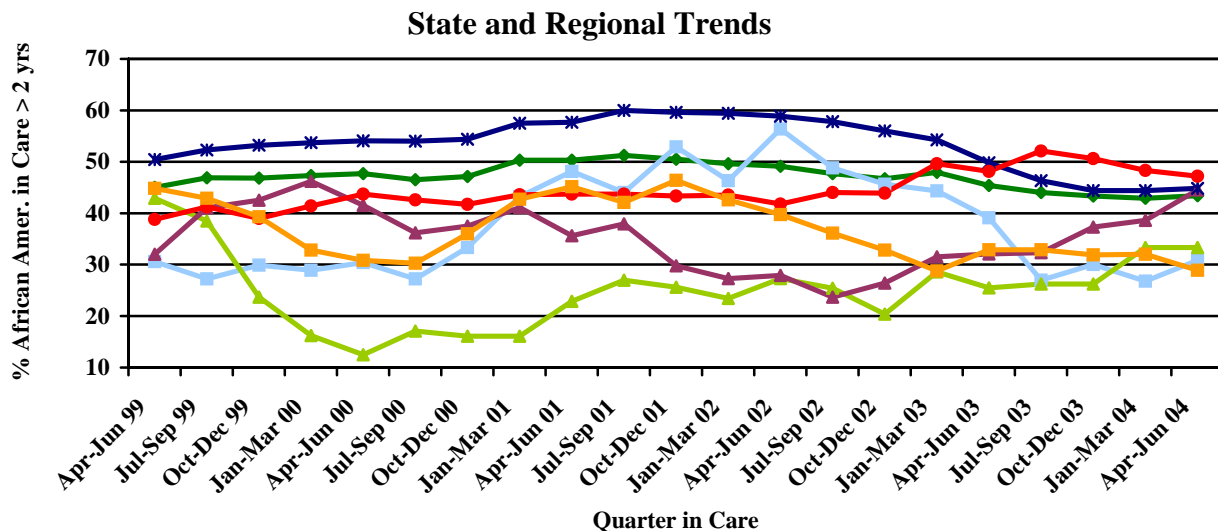
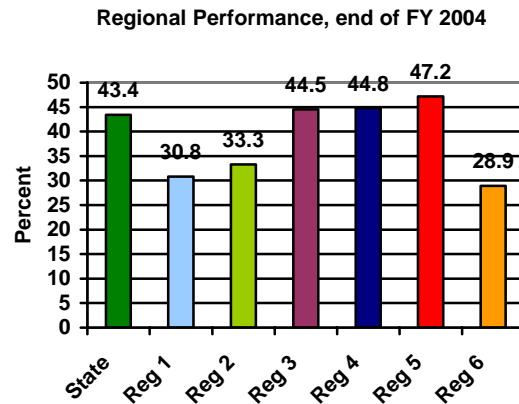


**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Trends are determined at fiscal year intervals to allow meaningful interpretation of changes in this measure. Children in DCFS custody only. The Federal measure considers all lengths of stay, and is a "look back" measure of all children currently entering into care rather than a "look forward" measure for exit cohorts of children reunified. For our purposes, we determine this measure for children who re-enter care for > 30 days who had a previous episode of care lasting > 60 days. There must also be more than one day between the end date of the previous episode and the start date of the new episode for the new episode to be counted as a "re-entry." Cohorts of children exiting placement in a given period are followed forward in time to see if they have a new episode that begins more than one but less than 366 days after the close of the previous episode. The Federal performance standard of  $\leq 8.6\%$  and the Federal-method calculation of the State trend are shown on the graph for reference; the Federal calculation is slightly higher than our calculation.

## PERMANENCY: MINORITY CHILDREN, RELATIVE CARE, AND CAREGIVER VISITS

### African American Children in Care Longer than Two Years who do not have a completed permanent plan.

**Trend Analysis:** The state trend for this measure has remained between 46 and 50 percent since 1999. Following a peak of 50.3% in January 2001, there has been a leveling off followed by a gradual decline in the number of African American children in care longer than two years for whom no permanent plan has been achieved.



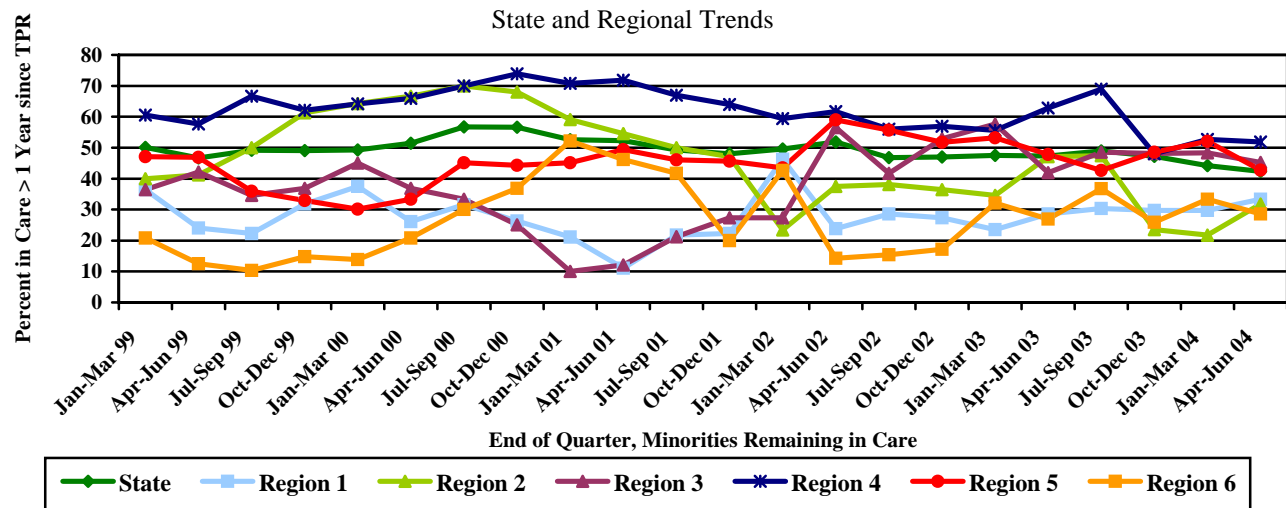
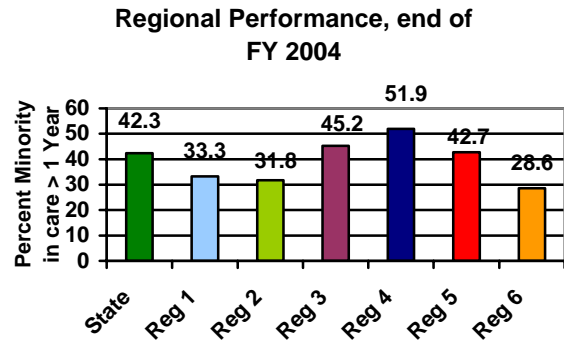
Number of African American Children in Care more than 2 years

Reg	Jan-Mar 2002	Apr-Jun 2002	Jul-Sep 2002	Oct-Dec 2002	Jan-Mar 2003	Apr-Jun 2003	Jul-Sep 2003	Oct-Dec 2003	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004				
1	37	44	39	31	31	25	17	46	19	24				
2	11	15	15	11	16	12	11	31	15	14				
3	30	36	33	33	40	36	43	79	51	61				
4	403	395	377	360	341	318	309	394	326	331				
5	160	148	160	163	179	166	170	162	167	167				
6	29	23	22	21	19	23	23	49	24	22				
State	670	661	646	619	626	580	573	761	602	619				

**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Trend shown for the percentage of African American children in care > 2 years, of all African American children in DCFS custody and in care > 60 days as of the end of the reporting period. "African American" defined for this measure only as a child with African American indicated for any of the six race codes in CAMIS.

## Permanency: Decrease over-representation of minority children in care

**Trend Analysis:** The state and all regions with the exception of regions 1 and 2 demonstrated leveling off or improvements with reference to this measure.



## Young Children Remaining in Care More Than One Year Since TPR

Number of (M) inority & (C) aucasian Children Ages Birth ~ Three Years, Remaining In Care Over One Year since TPR

Region	Jan-Mar 2002	Apr-Jun 2002	Jul-Sep 2002	Oct-Dec 2002	Jan-Mar 2003	Apr-Jun 2003	Jul-Sep 2003	Oct-Dec 2003	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004				
1 M	7	7	8	9	8	10	10	11	11	10				
1 C	16	26	21	22	22	18	19	17	15	17				
2 M	6	7	8	8	9	8	9	4	5	7				
2 C	8	9	9	9	7	3	4	2	8	10				
3 M	13	15	15	18	19	13	16	13	14	14				
3 C	21	16	18	16	16	19	21	17	21	22				
4 M	69	65	61	66	55	54	51	48	39	41				
4 C	24	22	24	32	25	17	21	17	16	14				
5 M	45	42	44	45	42	33	29	33	38	32				
5 C	25	29	31	27	28	18	16	15	11	17				
6 M	3	4	4	5	9	7	11	7	8	8				
6 C	14	16	14	17	16	16	8	10	12	11				
State M	143	140	140	151	142	125	126	116	115	112				
State C	108	117	117	123	114	91	89	78	83	91				

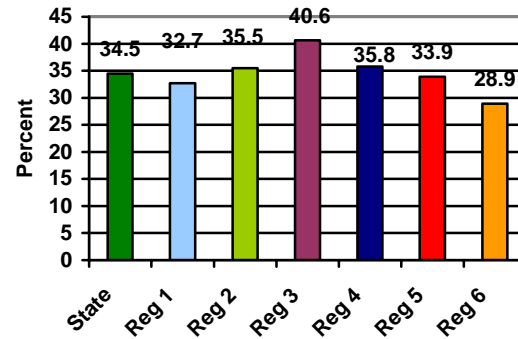
**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Measure reported for minority and Caucasian children exiting or remaining in care, ages birth through three years at time of legally free date. "Minority" defined for this measure as all children except those indicated as Caucasian and only Caucasian; Hispanic Caucasians also included in "minority" group. Children established in adoptions and guardianships are included in this measure of legally free children with permanent plans. Children in long-term foster care/relative agreements are as yet not identified and therefore cannot be counted as having a permanent plan; these children currently show as being in open episodes and add to the count of children in care for more than one year.

# Permanency: Continuity of family relationships and connections will be preserved for children

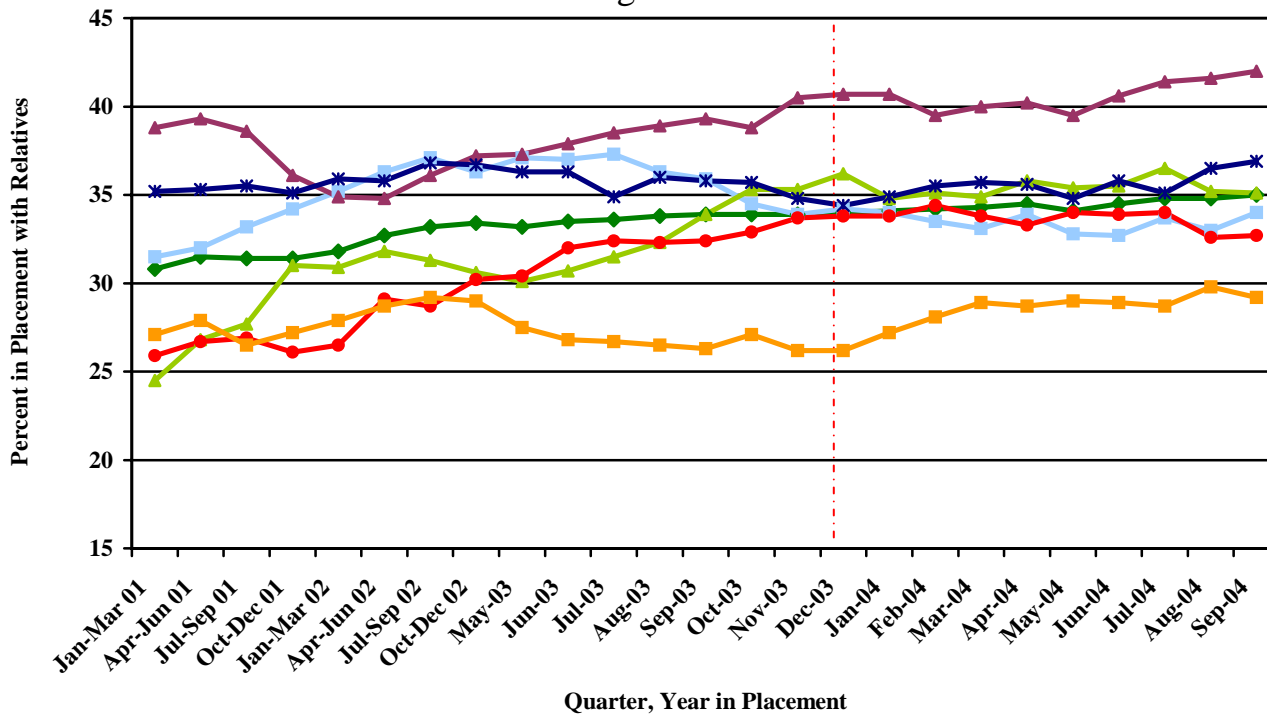
## Proportion of children placed with relatives

**Trend Analysis:** Over the seven year period reported the state has demonstrated a significant increase in the percent of all children in care who are placed with relatives. For the most recent reporting period, the state and regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 showed a leveling off or increase in the number of children placed with relatives while region 6 showed a slight decrease.

Regional Performance, end of FY 2004



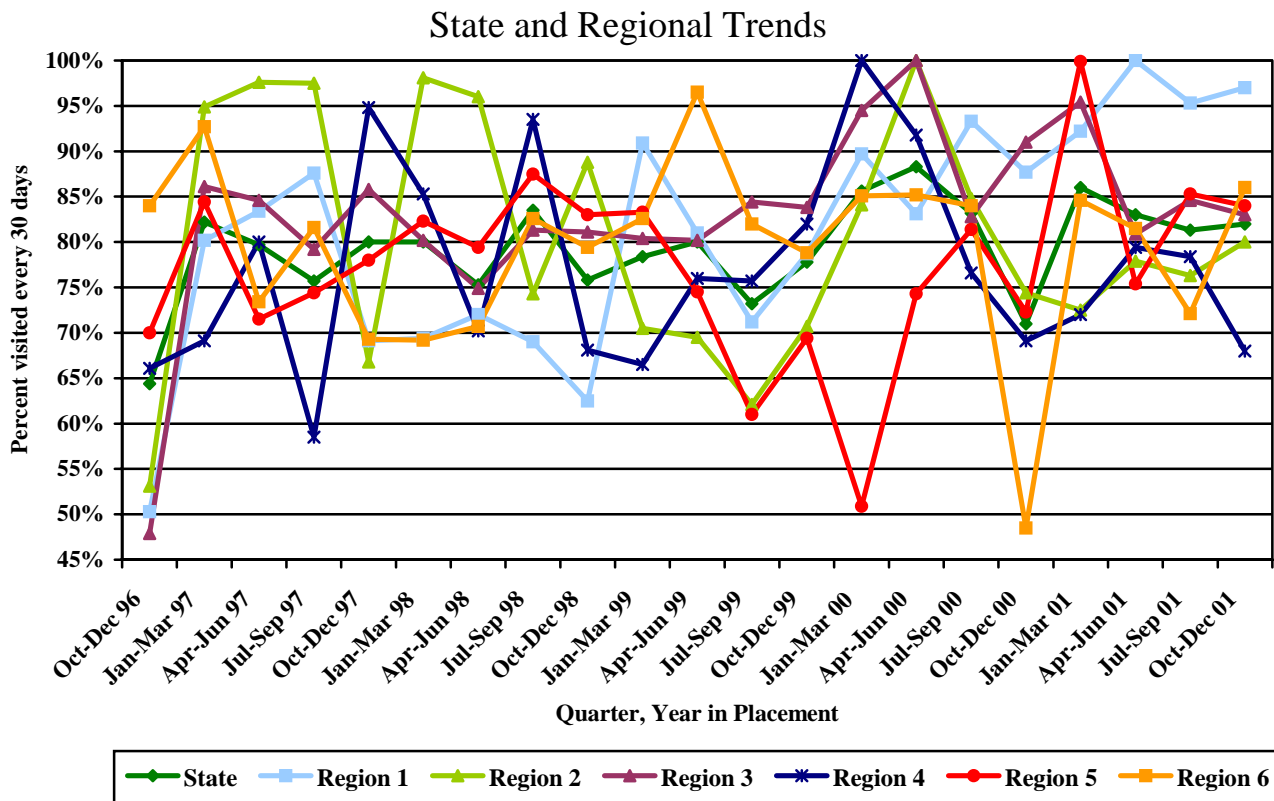
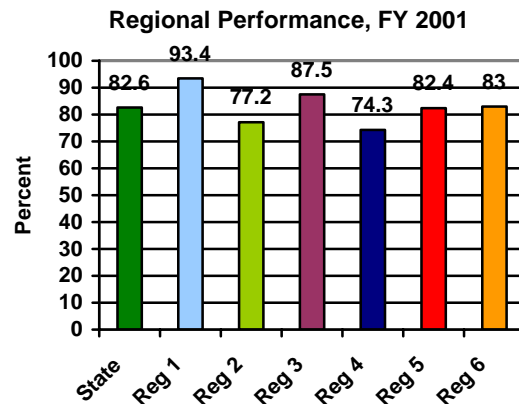
State and Regional Trends



# Permanency: Preserve connections with parents, siblings and other significant people

## Child and Caregiver Visitation every 30 Days

**Trend Analysis:** Regions 1 and 3 met the performance agreement target of 86% for all of FY 2001, when measured by hand counts. Only region 1 meets the target for the last three reporting quarters. Region 6 met the target for the most recent reporting period.



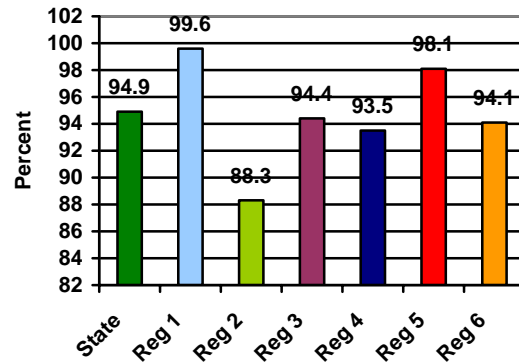
**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** This measure is currently determined from hand counts, but will be converted soon to a measure based on SER's. Upon conversion, records will be checked to determine the proportion of children in open placements who receive visits from parents or primary caregivers at least once every 30 days, not just the last 30 days of each quarter. Handcount of open placement cases on last day of quarter where child was visited by parents or permanent caretaker at least once within the last 30 days. Denominator – CAMIS count of children in placement at least 30 days on the last day of the quarter, with a permanent plan of reunification.

## WELL BEING

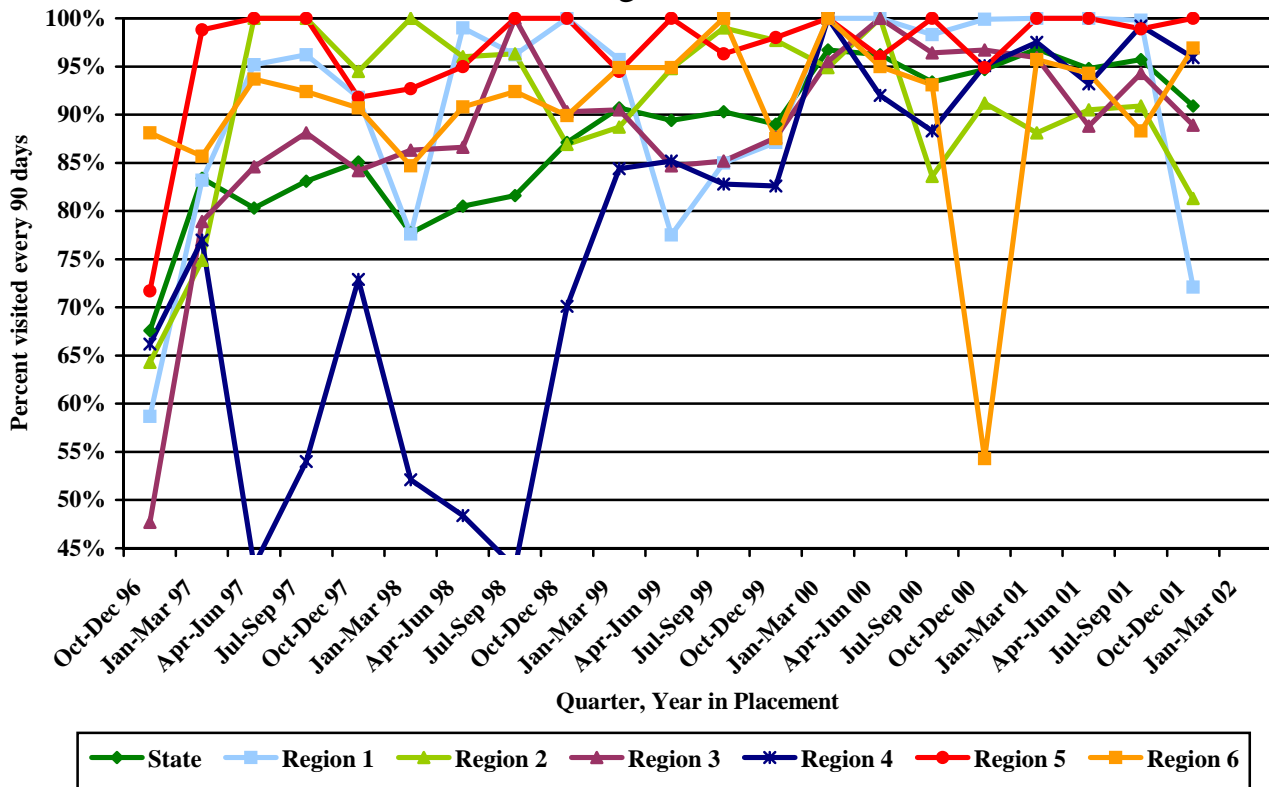
### Caseworker visits with children in out-of-home care every 90 days

**Trend Analysis:** Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and the state have shown recent declines away from the target in this performance measure with Region 1 showing the most dramatic decline. Regions 5 and 6 have shown recent improvements.

Regional Performance, FY 2001



State and Regional Trends



**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** This measure is currently determined from hand counts, but will be converted soon to a measure based on SER's. Handcount of open placement cases on last day of quarter where child was visited by their caseworker within the last 90 days. Denominator – CAMIS count of children in placement at least 30 days on the last day of the quarter, with a permanent plan of reunification.



## Well Being: Children in placement are supported in age appropriate Educational and Developmental programs

Percent of children 12 years or younger at time of most recent entry placed in group care

**Trend Analysis:** The number of young children placed into group care is small by national standards.

Percent of Children 12 or Younger Placed in Group Care (Number Placed)

Region	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005 YTD
1	4% (21)	3% (14)	1.4% (8)	4.0% (19)	2.1% (12)	
2	4% (16)	2% (9)	1.8% (8)	.8% (3)	1.6% (6)	
3	3% (14)	2% (12)	2.7% (16)	1.9% (9)	1.0% (6)	
4	4% (25)	5% (29)	4.4% (25)	4.7% (27)	4.0% (24)	
5	1% (5)	0% (0)	.7% (4)	.4% (2)	.0% (0)	
6	2% (11)	1% (6)	.8% (6)	.9% (6)	.9% (7)	
<b>State</b>	<b>2.8% (92)</b>	<b>2.0% (70)</b>	<b>1.9% (67)</b>	<b>2.2% (66)</b>	<b>1.6% (55)</b>	

Racial and Age Breakouts, Children  $\leq 12$  Placed in Group Care in FY 2004

		Percent of all DCFS-custody children $\leq 12$ placed	
Hispanic?	No	%	1.6%
		N	48
	Yes	%	1.4%
		N	7
Race	Native American only	%	.6%
		N	2
	Asian/Pacific Islander only	%	.0%
		N	0
	African American only	%	1.8%
		N	6
	Caucasian only	%	1.7%
		N	38
Age at placement entry	Multiracial	%	2.1%
		N	7
	0-5 yrs	%	.5%
		N	11
	6-8 yrs	%	1.9%
		N	10
	9-10 yrs	%	4.3%
		N	12
	11 yrs	%	6.3%
		N	10
	12 yrs	%	6.5%
		N	12

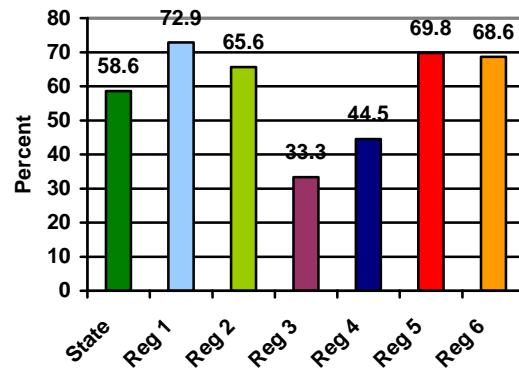
*Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:*

## Well Being: Children in placement are supported in age appropriate Educational and Developmental programs

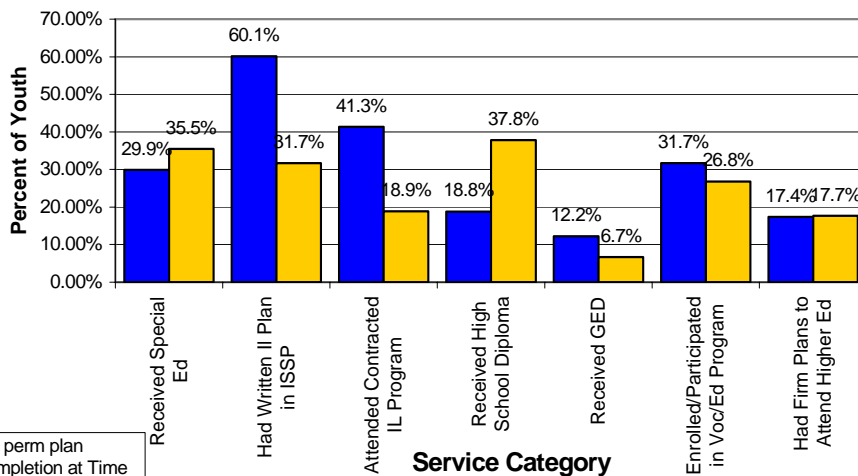
Completion of or enrollment in educational program prior to leaving care

**Trend Analysis:** Statewide 58% of youth exiting care at age 18 had attained an educational goal of having received a High School Diploma, a GED or were enrolled in a vocational or educational program at time of exit. This is compared to 62% of youth living in guardianship placements at age 18 and had achieved the same educational goals.

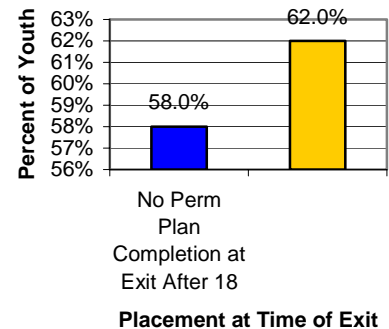
Regional Performance, Calendar 2001



Educational Outcomes for Youth Age 18 or Older Who had Been in of-Home Care at Least One Year-Calendar Year 2001



Percent of Youth Who had Obtained A High School Diploma, GED or Were Enrolled in Voc/Ed Program at Time of Exit

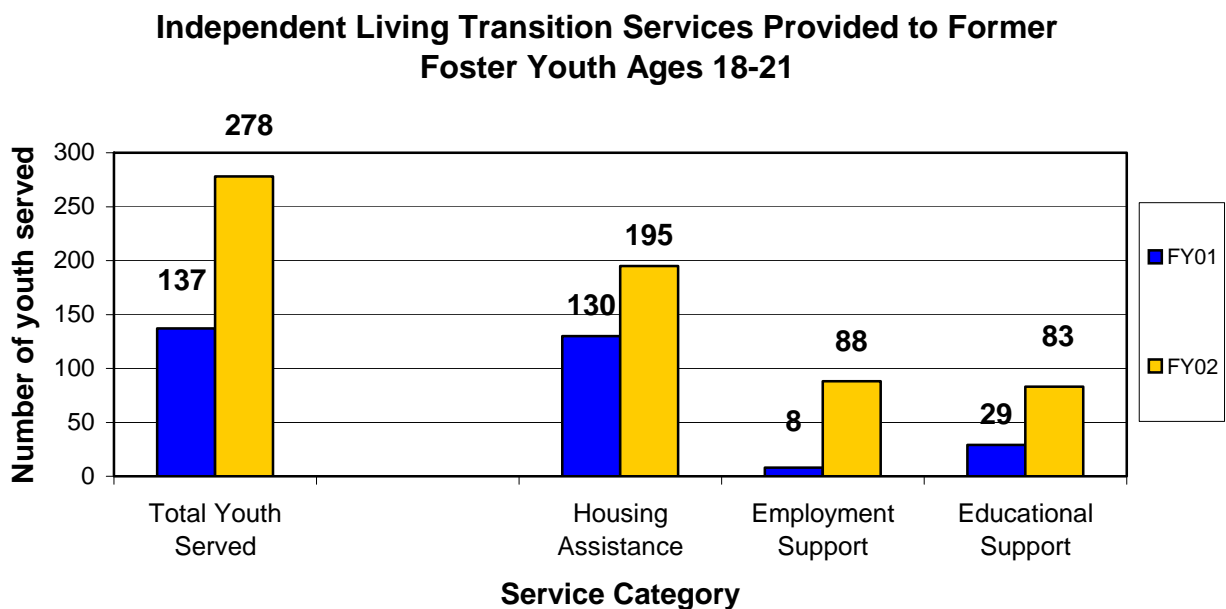


**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** The outcomes for this measure were calculated based upon regional handcounts of youth in care at least one year with no permanent plan completion at time of exit at age 18 or older and youth who were in care at least one year and were living in a Guardianship Placement at age 18. Educational Data is tracked annually.

## Well Being: Children in placement are supported in age appropriate Educational and Developmental programs

### Youth Receiving ILS Services

**Trend Analysis:** Twice as many youth between the ages of 18 and 21 received contractor provided IL services in FY02 than did in FY01.



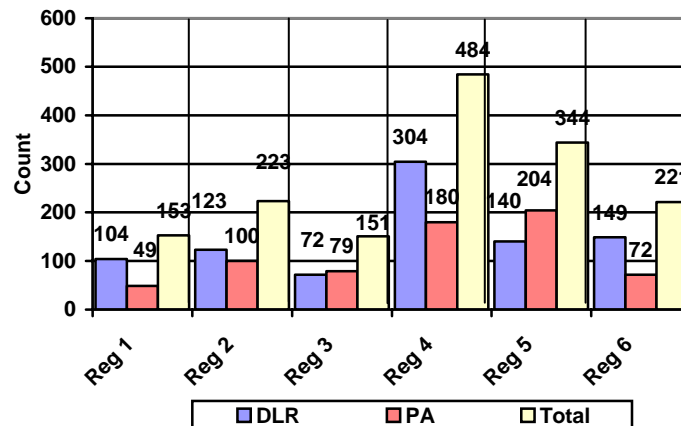
**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Currently determined by ILS contractor reports. Future plans involve converting this measure to a CAMIS and SSPS payments-based count of the percent of eligible youth in out of home care receiving Independent Living Services, once all ILS payments are recorded in SSPS on a per-child basis rather than payments being made to providers using A-19's. This measure will then be tracked on a quarterly basis and provide regional breakouts.

## SUPPORTING CLIENT OUTCOMES (ORGANIZATIONAL WELL BEING)

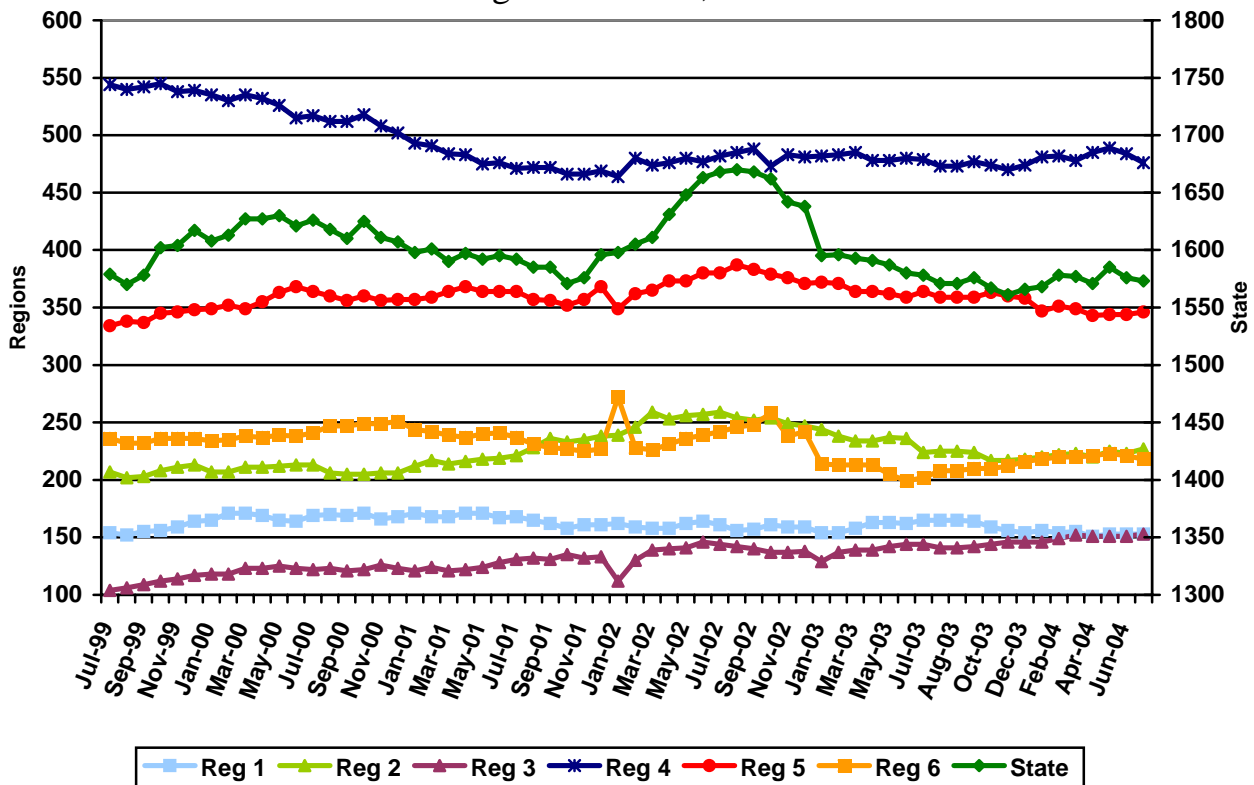
Number of minority foster homes available for out-of-home-care

**Trend Analysis:** The state performance agreement target was 1,623 total minority homes by July 2004. The state did not meet the FY04 target. For the most recent reporting period, the state and regions 1, 2, 4 and 6 showed a leveling off or decrease while regions 3 and 5 showed increases in the number of minority homes licensed for the most recent reporting period.

Regional Counts, End of FY 2004



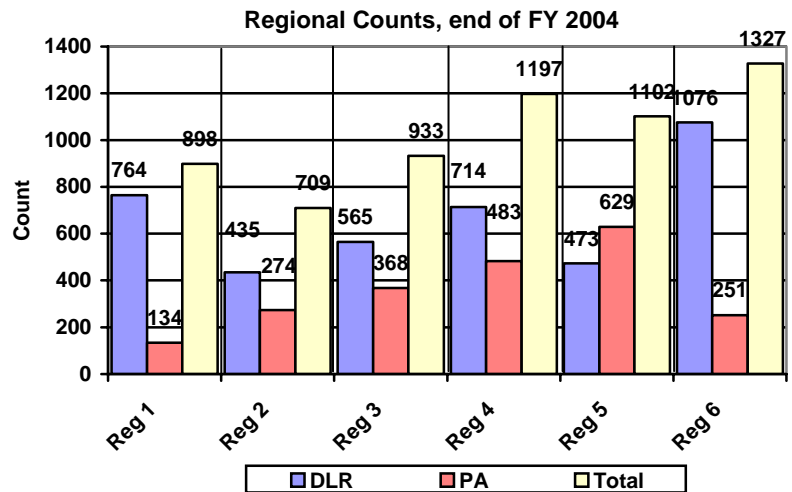
State and Regional Trends, Total Homes



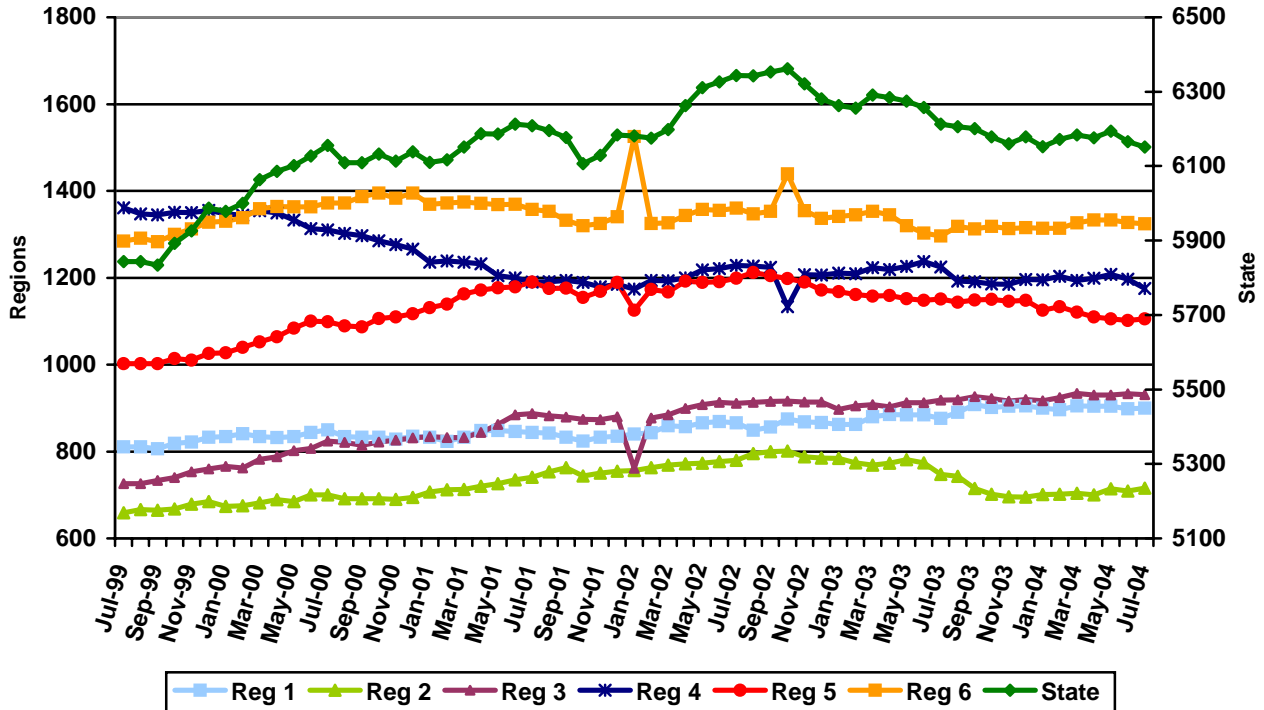
## Supporting Client Outcomes (Organizational Well Being) Foster Home resources

CA Family Foster care and PA Family Foster Care Homes: Number of licensed foster homes

**Trend Analysis:** Regions 1, 2 and 5 showed an increase while all other regions and the state showed a leveling off or decrease in the total number of foster homes licensed.



State and Regional Trends, Total Homes



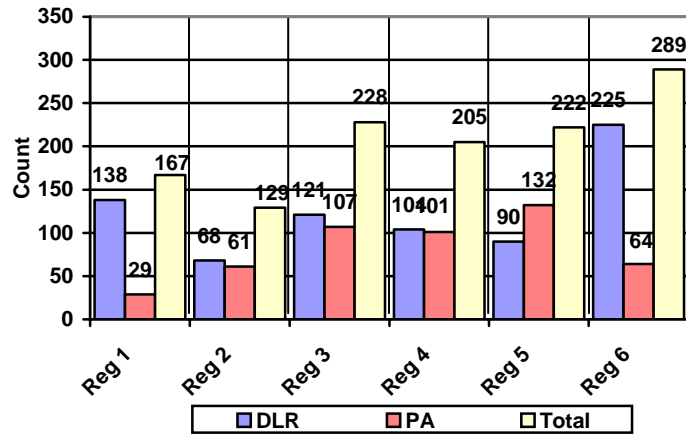
**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Number of DLR and private agency licensed foster homes available for out of home placement. Determined by CAMIS counts. The trends for this measure were re-calculated in February 2002 following a data clean-up effort by the field.

# Supporting Client Outcomes (Organizational Well Being)

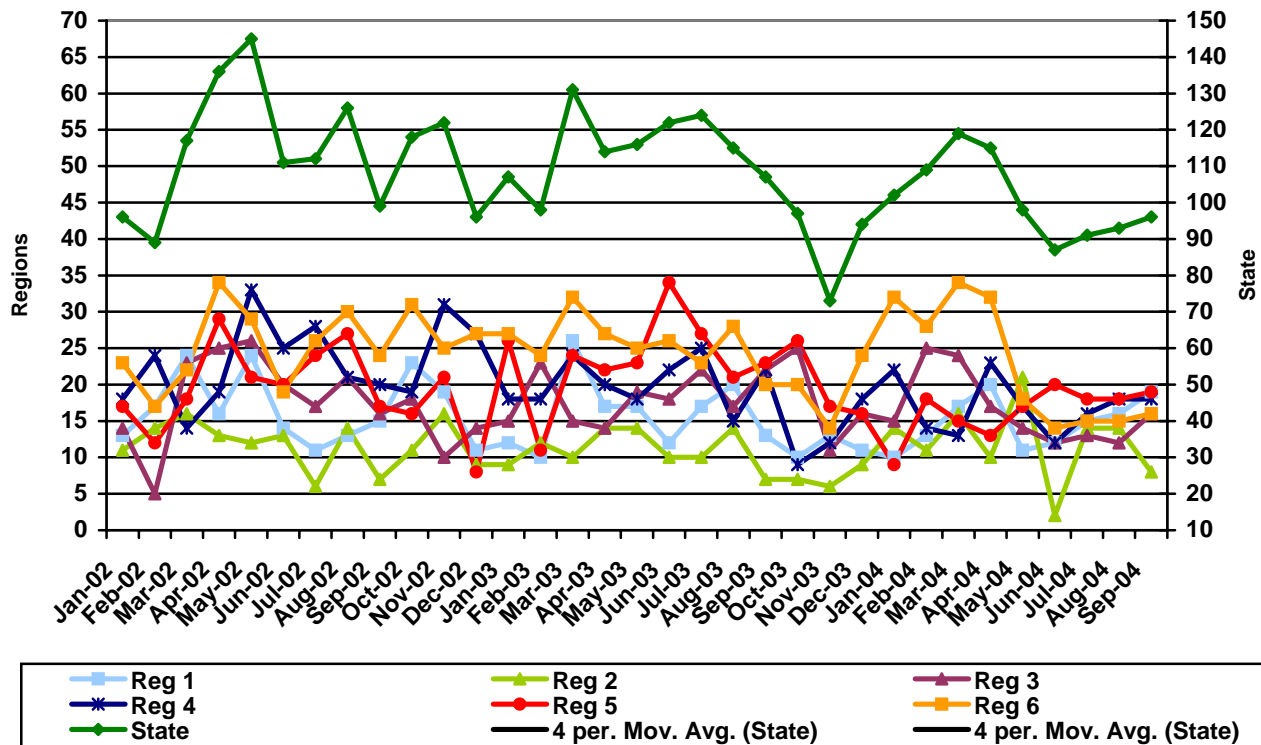
## Number of newly licensed foster homes

**Trend Analysis:** The state performance agreement target stated that 1,440 new DLR and private agency homes would be recruited in FY 2004. There were 1,240 new homes licensed in FY04, less than the established target. There was an overall increase in new homes licensed in the most recent reporting period.

Regional Totals, FY 2004



State and Regional Trends, Total Homes

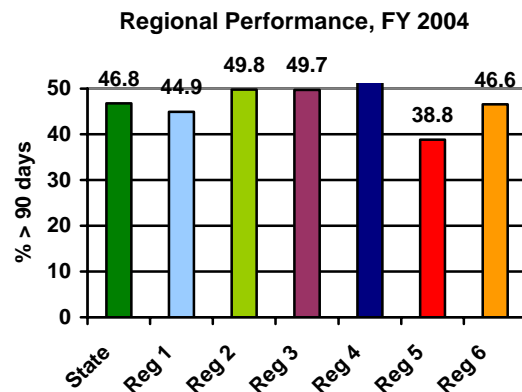


# Supporting Client Outcomes (Organizational Well Being): Foster Care Licensing Applications

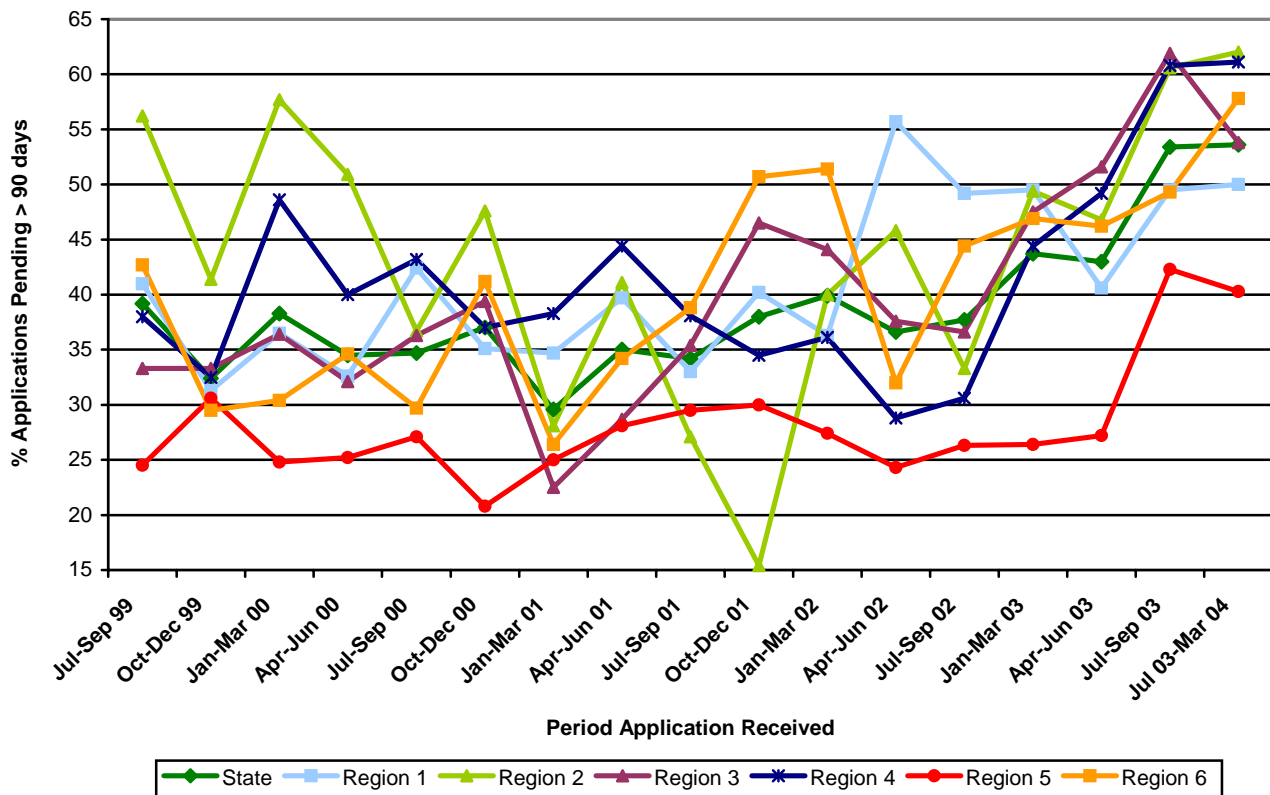
## Delayed Foster Home Licensing Applications

Proportion of foster care licensing applications that took more than 90 days to complete

**Trend Analysis:** For the most recent reporting period, the state and all regions except Region 6 showed leveling off or decreases in the percent of foster home licensing applications taking more than 90 days to complete. The way this measure is calculated is currently under review in an effort to improve data integrity.



## State & Regional Trends



**Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:** Number of DLR foster care licensing applications pending more than 90 days: days between application received and result of license issued, denied, or withdrawn. **This measure is determined as of November 2001 by direct calculation from CAMIS licensing records. The trends were also re-calculated in February 2002 after a data cleanup effort by the field.**